THE WEATHER.

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WANT INVESTIGATION BY THE GOVERNMENT

Federation of Miners Urge Wilson to Investigate Tragedy

MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT

Calumet, Mich., Wrapped in Grief as Result of False Alarm of Fire Given at a Christmas Tree Celebration.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Secretary of Labor Wilson received a telegram today from Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is directing the copper strike at Calumet and vicinity, demanding Federal investigation of the Christmas eve tragedy that cost four score lives there. The telegram, dated last night, was as follows:

"While striking miners with their wives and little ones were arranging for a Christmas tree in a hall at Calumet, Mich., tonight, the door was opened by a person who gave a false alarm of fire. In their effort to get out of the hall 77 people lost their lives. Circumstances surrounding this terrible occurrence demand immediate investigation by the government. I have wired the President. Will you see him and urge immediate action?"

Secretary Wilson said he would communicate with the President as soon as possible, but that he did not know whether the government would have jurisdiction in such a case. Pending a decision on the question of jurisdiction, he said, he would not reply to the Moyer telegram.

"The question of whether the government has the jurisdiction to make the investigation requested by Mr. Moyer," said Secretary Wilson, "has not yet been passed upon. Until it is disposed of I cannot predict what, if any, action will be taken by the Federal authorities."

The Grief Stricken City.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 25.—On the day Christendom sets aside for rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour, Calumet, stricken by an almost unbelievable catastrophe, stands mourning by the side of its dead, the 72 victims, most of them children of the frightful panic on Christmas eve in the Italian hall. This panic followed a false alarm of fire during a Christmas tree entertainment arranged for families of the copper strikers.

All bitterness and feeling that has existed in this strike-ridden community during the past month is wiped away by the one great common affliction.

A mass meeting of Calumet citizens was held this afternoon to express sympathy and devise ways and means to ameliorate the suffering and sorrow of these families on which the hand of death had fallen. A committee of 12 was appointed to visit each home and ascertain what financial assistance was needed. Funds are assured and no outside aid will be needed.

The statement of President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, that no benefits from the citizens would be accepted was disregarded. The strikers met this afternoon and named a committee comprising representatives of the nationalities of the victims to call on the sorrowing relatives and learn their wishes regarding the funerals.

The authorities have so far been unable to trace a man who is said to have gone up the stairs of the Italian hall and raised the cry of fire that led to the fearful crush in the stairway and caused the death of nearly four score men, women and children. There seems to be little hope that he will be apprehended. A theory that the cry of fire originated within the hall was substantiated today by Matt Saari, a striker, who lost his son in the disaster. He declared the cry came from a group of men and women toward the front of the hall.

A 14-year-old girl who died this morning brought the official revised list of dead up to 72. All bodies have now been identified. Most of the injured in the hospitals will live, it is said. Several little girls in one hospital were able today to romp around a small Christmas tree which some of their friends had fitted up.

Heroic Efforts to Rescue.

Members of the Calumet fire department relate many instances of heroic attempts to rescue the panic stricken people in the hall. Patrick Ryan arrived on the scene a few minutes after the crush occurred at the foot of the stairway. He estimated there were about 100 piled in a heap when he reached the building. The pile of crushed and smotheing humanity reached to about half the height of the stairway. They were wedged in so tight that it was impossible to extricate any from the foot of the stairway. A boy of about six, caught hold of Mr. Ryan's hand and begged to be rescued. The fireman succeeded in pulling the boy partly out, but was unable to extricate the little fellow's legs. The human mass kept pressing down and the boy's life was soon snuffed out. A girl of eight or nine grasped the hands of Angelo Curto, a fireman, kissed them and implored him to save her. He made a heroic effort to pull her out, but the crush was so great he was compelled to give up the attempt and she perished.

Mr. Anelma, one of the victims, was suffocated while standing up. John Burrill, a fireman who witnessed her death, took a six months old infant from her arms and carried it to safety. Leonard Wilman, fireman, pushed his way into the stairway and took out a crying boy of six, uninjured. Near him his mother and sister lay dead. An 11-year-old boy rescued his brother of nine by carrying him down a ladder.

A child hurled from the building was caught by a spectator. Chief Tridell, of the fire department, caught another child thrown out of a window by a frantic father. John Saari kill-

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J. CULLEN ROOT DEAD

Was Founder of the Woodmen of the World

Sovereign Commander of Popular Order Dies at Hendersonville, N. C.—Came From Nebraska Seeking Health.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Following an illness of only a few days of intestinal trouble, Joseph Cullen Root, founder of the Woodmen of the World and sovereign commander of that organization, died at the St. John Hotel at Hendersonville last night.

The son of the deceased, Harry Root, was at the beside of his father when the latter passed away.

Mr. Root was also prominent in Masonic circles, being a thirty-third degree Mason.

The body was taken to Omaha, Neb., tonight for interment.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.—J. Cullen Root, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, and founder of that order, died last night at Hendersonville, N. C.

Intestinal trouble was given as the cause of his death.

Mr. Root had been traveling in the South in the interest of the order, and his condition was not considered grave until two days ago, when messages were sent to Omaha, Neb., requesting his son, Harry Root, to come to Hendersonville.

OUTPUT OF FIELD AND MILL.

Textile Industry Leads in South Carolina—Lumber Second.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 25.—Manufacturing in the State is keeping close up with agriculture in the race for supremacy in South Carolina now. This year the value of the manufactured product for all industries has been $141,157,302, a sum just about equal to the value of the agricultural products of last year, but still about $18,000,000 behind the agricultural results of 1913. This sum represents an actual increase of $16,573,242 over last year's manufacturing record. This year the total capital invested in all industries is $157,039,700, against $142,770,800 , an increase of $14,268,900. The value of the output as compared with the increase of capital invested shows a healthy growth.

There are now on the average 76,326 persons employed in the manufacturing industries of the State, an increase of 424 over 1912. Of these 53,542, an increase of 81, are men; 14,865, an increase of 595, are women; 4,612 are boys under 16, a decrease of 166, and 3,307, a decrease of 86, are girls under 16.

SCHOOL IN COUNTY JAIL.

Old Teacher, Now Prisoner, Has a Class of 20 Mountaineers.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 25.—A school within a prison is a fact in the Cabell county jail here, where every day C. V. Fitch, a veteran school teacher of Eastern Kentucky and a prisoner himself, instructs a class of 20 mountaineers, all serving terms for "moonshining," in the fundamentals of school work.

Already the rough mountaineers have progressed as far as the "third reader." The majority of the class could neither read nor write when they began their terms. Now all have acquired the groundwork of reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. Fitch is proud of his class and hopes to teach them to lead better lives as well as instruct them in the fundamentals of an education. Most of the prisoners buy their own books. Those who cannot are supplied free by Jailer W. S. Debord.

FUNERAL OF AARON FASS.

Body of Man Killed in Accident at Dillon Interred at Florence.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 25.—The remains of Mr. Aaron Fass, of Dillon, who was instantly killed when his automobile turned turtle in a ditch between Dillon and Latta, on Sunday, evening, were brought to Florence Monday on train No. 83, from Dillon, and were accompanied by a large number of relatives and friends.

The body was taken to the home of Mr. David Sternberger, in North McQueen street, where it remained until the hour for the funeral, 12 o'clock, and taken thence to the Hebrew cemetery at this place, where the funeral services and interment took place. The services were conducted by Rabbi David Kline, of Sumter, in a most devout and impressive manner.

The grave was hidden from view by lovely flowers, tokens of esteem and love from friends in this and other cities.

NEW BANK AT GEORGETOWN.

Farmers' & Merchants' Bank Has Home of Its Own.

Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 25.—The new Farmers & Merchants' Bank opened up in its handsome banking house on Front street at 9 o'clock Monday morning, under the most flattering circumstances, with President H. B. Springs and Cashier I. McG. Carraway extending a glad hand of welcome to many depositors and well-wishers. The capital stock of the brand new financial institution for Georgetown is $30,000, and before closing time of the first day the deposits exceeded the capital by more than $4,000.

New York, Dec. 25.—William W. Aulick, newspaper man and magazine writer, and widely known in theatrical circles as representatives of one of the big producing companies, died today at Flushing, Long Island. Mr. Aulick was born in Richmond, Va., forty-one years ago. When a boy he was a page in the United States Senate.

CAMPAIGNING FOR REGIONAL BANKS

Large Cities in Different Parts of Country Begin

UTMOST FREEDOM ALLOWED

Committee to Name Number of Banks and Where to be Located Begin Work—Consideration of Applications.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Active campaigning for Federal reserve banks to be established under the new banking and currency system has been begun by a half dozen big cities in different parts of the United States, among the scores of telegrams received today at the Treasury Department more than half were devoted to laying bare the reasons for executive approval of their claims.

Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, the "organization committee" authorized by the new law to choose the reserve cities, today considered tentative plans for making up the list of not less than eight and not more than 12 cities to be given Federal banks. Under the law the organization committee is given the utmost freedom in naming the cities and the two cabinet officers intended to make an exhaustive but rapid inquiry into geographical advantages and financial relations of most of the large cities.

One plan that has been suggested to the Secretaries is that they make a personal investigation of the claims of cities which are regarded as possible locations and another is that they hold hearings in Washington. Officials who favor the first plan believe that it can be carried out more quickly and to greater advantage by reason of the number of persons who could be reached. A decision probably will be announced within a few days.

Campaigning Pressed.

The campaign for a reserve bank has been pressed most vigorously by Seattle, Wash. Scores of telegrams were received today from bankers and business men of Seattle pointing out its proximity to Alaska, which is to be included in the system; its advantages as a financial center, and urging other reasons for giving it a reserve bank. According to one telegram Seattle is planning a big demonstration to celebrate the enactment of the law and to boom her chances for getting a bank.

Kansas City, Mo., is making a similar fight, with the support of many nearby cities. Minnesota banks and business houses took up the cudgels today in behalf of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and bankers in the South are speaking up in favor of Atlanta, New Orleans, and Dallas. Philadelphia and Baltimore are at odds over one bank. Altogether it promises to be lively for the organization committee before its work is done.

Among cities from which banks applied for membership to the new banking system today was Union, S. C.

JUDGE GUION ENTERS RACE

Another Newbern Man a Candidate to Represent Third District in Congree—Three Others.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 25.—Former Judge Owen H. Guion, in a card in yesterday's issue of the Newbern Sun, makes formal announcement of his candidacy for Congress to succeed Congressman John M. Faison.

It is understood that Congressman Faison will stand for re-election, and that Mr. George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, and Hon. Charles R. Thomas, of Newbern, will also be in the race.

Mr. Thomas has served several terms in Congress, being just within reach of the chairmanship of the public buildings committee at the time of his retirement. In case Mr. Thomas decides to remain in the race, despite the candidacy of former Judge Guion, Newbern will have the distinction of furnishing two candidates out of four.

Judge Guion was elected without opposition to the Legislature in 1903, and was returned without opposition in 1905, this time being elected Speaker of the House. In 1906 he became judge of the district, and many expressions of regret were called forth by his retirement four years later. Since then he has practiced law in Newbern with his two sons, John and Rodman, under the name of Quion & Guion.

$5,000,000 NEW COINS ISSUED.

Treasury Supplies Demand for Bright Pieces for Xmas.

Washington, Dec. 25.—More than $5,000,000 worth of bright new gold and silver pieces of 1913 mintage, most of which found its way into Christmas stockings this morning, has been distributed by the Treasury this month to the banks throughout the country.

But there is one 1913 coin which no one will receive. It is the 50-cent piece. None were minted this year because the supply on hand was ample to take care of all calls for that denomination. In this connection attention was called by Treasury officials to the fact that the 50-cent piece is losing popularity, because of the ease with which error in change is made.

Brand new $5 gold pieces have been presented to each of the 46 House pages as Christmas gifts by Representative Farr, of Pennsylvania.

SAFE AND SANE CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrated in All of the Southern Cities.

BIG SNOW AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Quietest Christmas Ever Recorded in Southland—New Orleans Puts Quietus to "Popping Crackers"—Other Cities.

Atlanta, Dec. 25.—Champions of "safe and sane" observance of Christmas in the South are gratified tonight at the apparent success of their efforts.

Reports from throughout the South generally indicated that Christmas celebrations had not been attended by the usual loss of life and property.

In a majority of Southern cities rigid regulations governing the use of fireworks and firearms were enforced.

At New Orleans a campaign against the careless use of fireworks brought good results. A similar campaign at Birmingham, Ala., resulted in the quietest Christmas that city ever had. Many of the industrial works were shut down yesterday and today, but there was no disorder. A light snow fall failed to keep the crowds indoors, however.

Reports of an exceptionally quiet Christmas came from practically every city in Texas. Snow at Memphis, Tenn., which began to fall early in the morning, provided that city a white Christmas unmarred by disorder or serious catastrophe. Louisville, Ky., in the throes of a sleet and snow storm, reported a Christmas free from accidents. Atlanta's "safe and sane" campaign resulted in the quietest Christmas ever observed here.

The Day at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day in the National capital passed quietly and without any public celebrations.

The absence of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall and some of the cabinet, with the holiday recess of Congress depleted official circles.

Practical Christmas gifts from the White House brightened many a poor home. Two automobile truck loads of food and toys were delivered at the direction of the President and Mrs. Wilson to deserving families.

Secretary McAdoo, the ranking cabinet officer left in town, and therefore acting President, spent much of the day working on the details of organization of the new currency system.

Most Unusual on Record.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas 1913, was entered in the annals of the weather bureau as one of the most unusual and unsettled yuletide holidays on record.

Dispatches received tonight showed that the central Southern States, from southern Arkansas, northward through the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys, reported snow. Rains were recorded in the Pacific coast States, with light snows in Washington. Throughout New England and northern New York conditions were unsettled. Rains were reported generally through the Gulf States and nowhere was there ideal weather.

Miami, Fla., reported the highest temperature for the day and Devils Lake, N. D., was the coldest, the thermometer registering four degrees below zero.

Christmas for Convicts.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Convict minstrels, vaudeville performers, and tragedians made the Christmas day celebration at the Federal penitentiary here today a memorable one. Eight hundred prisoners gathered in the auditorium where the grim bars were hidden behind gaily colored festoons forgot their cares for a time to laugh at the jokes of the black faced minstrels and applaud as the ebony chorus sang popular songs and enacted plantation scenes. Vaudeville acts and a Wild West farce folowed the minstrel show.

In the afternoon the inmates were given a turkey dinner. Each prisoner also had the privilege of writing an extra letter home. There was a touching demonstration of the Christmas spirit when the gray clad throng in the auditorium cheered three prisoners who were notified of their paroles during the performance.

Aboard the Battleships.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 25.—A large number of American children were the guests tonight of Captain Niblack on board the battleship Michigan, on which he provided a big Christmas tree and a Santa Claus, to distribute the gifts. Christmas parties were also held aboard the other warships.

Unusual courtesy has been shown officers of the Spanish cruiser Emperador Carlos V, which arrived here today. An emissary from President Huerta came from Mexico City and invited them to visit the capital.

According to wireless dispatches from Tampico the rebels are seizing property. The estate of Charles Genahl, south of Tampico, has been raided by General Aguilar's men. Rebels from Victoria have seized several Mexican property owners and threaten to

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BEACHEY AT IT AGAIN

SanFrancisco, Dec. 25.—LincolnBeachey celebrated Christmas by breaking a world's record, looping the loop five consecutive times from a height of 750 feet and landing in a narrow street on the Panama Exposition Grounds. Beachey turned a double loop at a height of 300 feet which he says is a record in itself, as Pegoud, the originator of this particular freak of aviation always has performed from a greater height.

REBELS ABANDON TAMPICO ATTACK

To Concentrate All Forces on Monterey in January

IS OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Special Envoy from Mexico to Japan Delivers a Letter to Emperor. Cheered by Large Crowds in Land of Rising Sun.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 25.—The attack on Tampico has been abandoned and the Constitutionalist force which has been operating in the oil regions near there will invest Monterey capital of Nuevo Leon about the first of the year. This was the official announcement from Matamoras headquarters of the Constitutionalists today. Since Tuesday six troop trains have left Matamoras for Ramines, 49 miles north of Monterey. These forces were said to be part of 5,000 men en route to Ramones where the army which has been investing Tampico also wil rendezvous. From Ramones to Monterey is expected to be a week's journey, owing to rough overland traveling.

The Mexican consulate here was informed today that a battle was in progress at Xacateca, midway between Matamoras and Monterey. This was denied by Constitutionalists who claimed to have information that there were no Federals between Matamoras and points 20 miles from Monterey.

De LaBarra in Japan.

Tokio, Dec. 25.—Francisco De LaBarra, former provisional President of Mexico, today took a luncheon at the Imperial palace and later presented to Emperor Yoshohito a letter from Provisional President Huerta, thanking his majesty for Japan's participation in Mexico's centenary celebration. Afterward the Emperor decorated the Mexican special envoy with the grand cordon of the Order of Paulownia.

As Senor De LaBarra entered the carriage which took him to the palace, he was cheered by a crowd. In an interview he said there was no secrecy attached to his mission and that his visit to Japan was purely ceremonious.

Holiday Armistice.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Apparent quiet in the Mexican situation was interpreted here today by officials as merely a "holiday armistice." Strategists believe that Gen. Villa, the rebel leader, will press his campaign southward with a view to carrying the warfare into the capital.

Official reports received today were meagre. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American squadron in Mexican Gulf waters, sailed on the flagship Rhode Island from Tampico for Vera Cruz. As his recent laconic dispatches from Tampico have told repeatedly of the restoration of order there, it is believed he has gone to Vera Cruz to assign to their proper stations the battleships just arrived there to relieve the vessels about to return to home waters.

MAKE CHARGES SPECIFIC

Judge Adams, of Asheville, Calls Upon Newspaper to Point Out Instances of Alleged Misconduct.

(Special to the Morning Star.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Formal demand was made by Judge Junius G. Adams, of the city Police Court, today upon the Evening News Publishing Company, publishing the Asheville Gazette-News, to furnish the mayor and board of aldermen with specific instances of misconduct, in order that the city officials may investigate his record. If the publishers of the paper fail to do this, the judge will ask that an investigation be conducted. Judge Adams' letter follows:

The Letter.

"The Evening News Publishing Company, Asheville, N. C.:

"Dear Sirs:—

"In view of the recent publications in your newspaper charging me with official misconduct, I demand that you and others associated with you in this matter, furnish the mayor and board of aldermen specific charges to the end that they may be investigated as provided by law (Section 79 of the City Code).

"Unless you formulate and file the charges with the board of aldermen by their next meeting, I will make a demand upon the board that they institute an investigation, and require of you, and all that are associated with you, that you come before the board and produce all the evidence in your possession respecting the charges you have made.

"Respectfully yours,

"JUNIUS G. ADAMS,

"Judge of the Police Court of the City of Asheville."

"DRY" CHRISTMAS IN TEXAS.

Homegoing Travelers Can't Take Liquor as Baggage.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 25.—Christmas egg-nog in Texas received a severe blow today when the attorney general's office ruled that home-going travelers could not take intoxicating liquor as baggage into dry territory. "Personal carriage", it was held, was the only means of transportation permitted by the law.

The decision was given in the case of a passenger who checked a trunk containing a "fair-sized" amount of liquor. The railroad refused to carry the trunk.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS HAVING BIG CHRISTMAS

People of Pass Christian Get First Glimpse of Distinguished Visitor.

MAKES MERRY WITH CHILDREN

Pats Little Tots On The Head, Asks Their Names and Wishes Them A Merry Christmas—First Glimpse of President.

Pass Christian, Mass., Dec. 25.—President Wilson by a mid-afternoon visit to the town postoffice, made Christmas day a memorable one in the history of this quaint seaside city. Only a few natives had caught a glimpse of the President and his family when, in the cold gray dawn, they motored to a cottage a mile away from the tiny railroad station. The peaceful quiet of the holiday afternoon was suddenly broken when word spread that the President was out walking.

Observing holiday hours the postoffice was closed, but some one set off immediately to the home of Mrs. Annette Simpson, the postmaster to inform her that the President was waiting. She came quickly, followed by two little daughters.

"Merry Christmas, I did not expect you," said Mrs. Simpson.

"Oh, I didn't think there would be any one over here, but I thought I'd try," said the President. "It's very kind of you to come over."

The President bought two 25 cent books of stamps and in her confusion the postmaster forgot to give him fifty cents change. This, however, will be dispatched him tomorrow.

"I wish he had said something about letting me have three years more," Mrs. Simpson who is a candidate for re-appointment, later told her friends. "They're fighting me hard for the place."

Plays With Children.

As the President stood at the door of the postoffice several little children walked shyly up and grasped his hand. The President stopped and playfully asked their names and wished them a Merry Christmas. His attention was soon arrested by the arrival of the town mail carrier, who drew up proudly with his sacks of mail. He was driving a peculiar looking animal of shaggy limbs, in color a reddish brown.

"Its part dog," volunteered somebody in the crowd and the President smiled at the diminiutive horse.

Originally the villager said, it was a well groomed shetland pony, but has grown a thick unkempt fuss and boasts a hesitating gait in keeping with the frequent stops of his daily route.

The President continued his walking. It was about the coldest day in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The mercury touched 40 degrees early in the forenon and hovered thereabout all day.

The President set the seal of approval on the climate, however, by sconring an overcoat as did Dr. Grayson, his physician, though a half dozen correspondents found overcoats a comfortable necessity. The President, however, was warmly clothed underneath his salt and pepper suit with a heavy woolen sweater vest. He walked "home" in apparent enjoyment of his stroll.

Earlier in the day he had taken a short walk with Mrs. Wilson on the Beach road, that runs for several miles along the gulf coast. They also took a motor ride to Gulfport the nearest city, but spent most of the day in the square shaped cottage, which is to be the "Winter White House" for the next three weeks. They exchanged presents, read the scores of holiday greetings that came by wire and mail and sat down tonight to a Christmas dinner—a happy family party.

A Complete Change.

For a complete change from the City of Washington, where he has been overwhelmed with official tasks, the President could not have chosen a more out of the way setting. The natives are heeding the President's desire for rest and isiation by keeping loiterers and iders from the vicinity of his house.

The cottage is only one of a number that dot the shore of the Mississippi sound, the entrance to which, named Pass Christian, lies a few miles due South from the President's house. The original settlers were Spanish and French, and some of the quaint old dwellings remain but for the most part the shore is dotted by big bungalows and cottages. The tall, slender pines, magnolias, live oaks, palms and some semi-tropical plants give the foliage a green verdure which the winter has failed to discolor. The President's home is a raised cottage, square snaped with colonial columns and two balustrades that reach to the upper story from a well kept lawn. The lower floor, the residence of the proprietress who ordinarily converts the house into a boarding establishment, is painted bright yellow, a contract to the lead white color above.

The house is an humble contrast to the many handsome homes which border the Gulf cost, but is picturesquely set, overlooking the still waters of the Mississippi sound, and somewhat hidden by a cluster of trees.

The President's programme for his vacation is about same as on his trips to Cornish, N. H., the Summer capital —golf in the morning, a motor ride in the afternoon and quiet evening at home, with absolutely no social diversions or political callers.

The golf course is exavctly thirteen miles away, a distance in keeping with the President's fondness for the number thirteen. A Presbyterian church is not quite a half mile away.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Hundreds of unemployed and hungry men began rioting at the plaza here late this afternoon. A large force of policemen cleared the streets of all traffic and used their clubs freely to end the disturbance.

GREENSBORO'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE A SUCCESS

An Interesting and Happy Event in Life of The City

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 25.—The first community Christmas tree that the city has ever undertaken was a complete success. Hundreds of people gathered on the square in front of the court house to witness the event. The tree was on the lawn at the northwest corner of the building. Late in the afternoon it was decorated and the many lights that had been placed over and about the tree were turned on. A most brilliant spectacle was presented.

At 6:45 o'clock the court house bell, all church bells and a number of others were rung. Again at seven they pealed forth. As the sounds of the bells died out, the assembled choirs of nearly all the city churches, accompanied by instrumental music, began "Joy to the World." Then a large star was seen above the Christmas tree and it was lowered until it rested upon the top of the tree. As the star rested Dr. Byrd, pastor of West Market Street Methodist church, offered prayer. Christmas songs followed by a chorus from the Normal College practice school, the camp fire girls and others. Then the whole crowd was asked to sing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World."

This closed the program. Bags of candy were distributed from the bottom of the tree to all children, without regard to their poverty or wealth. To those who had tickets were given baskets containing enough for a Christmas uinner. During the day automobile trucks had been delivering baskets and stockings to all parts of the city to the needy and deserving. It is estimated that more than a thousand dollars worth of food, confections, toys and clothing were given away in connection with the tree.

Mr. Andrew Joyner entertained a number of his friends Tuesday evening at his home on west Gaston street as a sort of farewell event before his departure for San Domingo, where he goes to take an important government position. Those present were a part of what is known as the "Tammany club" of Greensboro. They were: Wm. Sherwood, Dr. G. W. Whitsett, Sam Mitchell, G. H. McKinney, Will Sergeant, Spencer Keeling and J. E. Tomlinson. A splendid five course dinner was served.

WANTED TO PLUNGE 100 FEET AFTER HIS JUG.

Drunken Man Saved by Wife—Locked Up by Lynchburg Police.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 25.—The wife of Tom Austin, a white man, was taking him home late yesterday to prevent his being locked up for being drunk. As they were crossing the Rivermont viaduct she tossed a half gallon jug of liquor she had taken from the man over the bridge.

Austin, too drunk to know what he was doing, climbed on the rail and was about to plunge after his liquor but she was able to hold him until a passerby rushed to her rescue.

Later Austin was locked up for being drunk. Had the man not been held by his wife, he would have fallen 100 feet.

BATTLE WITH OFFICERS.

Tennessee Moonshiners Have Pitched Battle With Officials.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 25.—News reached here tonight from Devils Creek, in Unicoi county, a remote section of East Tennessee, of a battle there late yesterday between mountaineers and officers in which one man was killed and three others fatally wounded.

Jack Edwards was killed and the fatally wounded are E. E. Gillis, deputy sheriff, fatally stabbed; Harris Tilson, shot through head, will die; and Sam Grindstaff, shot through the breast, will die.

Edwards was under arrest and in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Gillis. Tilson and Grindstaff, two friends, are said to have attempted to rescue him.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The explosion of a fireworks factory today at Torre, Annuzatia, resulted in the death of many persons. The buildings collapsed, burying the victims. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken out and it is believed many other bodies remain in the debris.

..Theatrical..

It was vaudeville jubilee day at the Academy yesterday, that theatre offering something extra swell in the way of vaudeville for Christmas, and both afternoon and night large audiences were on hand and enjoyed a really fine show. Five star acts were presented and were flatteringly received by the audiences. The bill was lead by "Electro," a charming young woman who seems to defy electricity and does some marvelous stunts. She presented an act of exceptional and fascinating novelty and made a big hit. Electricity seemed to be her finger tips and in fact she resisted an enourmous voltage and, to demonstrate what she could really do, lit a light with the tip of her tongue.

Following this clever lady entertainer came Hunter and Reeves, a high class singing and talking duo, that mad good from the very start. Next came an admirable sketch team, Walsh and Zuzone, who were followed by another great novelty act, "McNamree," telling a vivid story in clay. His modeling was remarkable and elicited plenty of applause. The vaudeville part of the performance closed with the Yale Duo, in a rattling good comedy musical act. At the performance last night two big feature films were added and will be given in connection with the remaining performances today.

The vaudeville jubilee will hold forth again today, for two performances, and also tomorrow, for two more performances. The special matinee this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, with doors opening an hour earlier, should be decidedly attractive. The prices for the performances are of the popular type, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Big Christmas at the Grand.

Yes, it was a big Christmas at the cozy, handsome Grand thatre, but it was equally as big for the crowds that packed the playhouse both afternoon and night, because a rattling good bill was offered and was received with great delight and appreciation by the gaint sized audiences. The Grand was most festive yesterday in both spirit and appearance and the show was one of the brightest ever seen. This modern, up-to-the-second theatre will follow up yesterday's big success with another great triumph of a show today. Four of the latest and best of films will be offered and will add much gaiety to the holiday week, appealing strongly not only to the home folks, but to visitors and especially to the young women and young men home to spend the Christmast tide from school and want to taken advantage of a chance.

The Vitagraph's gripping dramatic, "Tangled Theads," in which the love of a young woman is blocked by an irate, obstinate father, heads the list. Essanay's great dramatic, "The Little Substitute" runs it a close second and will pull hard at the heart strings, as it unfolds a story of the substitution of a poor woman babe for that of a rich woman's child, who has died.

Edison has a roaring comedy in "Nora's Boarders," depicting the fun at a boarding house conducted by Nora, a handsome young widow. It is a swell novelty comedy that will be hugely enjoyed.

Then there is yet another "peach" of a photoplay in "Philip Marche's Engagement." The price of admission at the Grand is just 5 cents, afternoon and night, and no more.

The Bijou Crowded.

Christmas celebrations jammed the popular Bijou yesterday both afternoon and night, and found there one of the greatest bills ever presented in a moving picture theatre anywhere. It was a great feast of Christmas goodies in the way of moving pictures the enterprising Bijou set before the people of Wilmington, and the rainy weather could not keep the crowds back from the extraordinary attraction. However, once in the Bijou the people found colid comfort and a big and bright show.

Today the Bijou will keep up its holiday speed by presenting another ing whopping big bill, and will head the film list with a great Warner feature, "In the Watches of the Night," in three big parts, with that clever and noted actress, Miss Marion Leonard, in the stellar role. It is a gripping dramatic story that will thrill. It is a vivid story that gives Miss Leonard ample opportunity to show her superb dramatic talent and it will grip every heart. The situations are tense, the comedy incidents fine and the scenery most elaborate. It is a story of today and one with a punch to it.

But this it not all for Bijou lovers today. Even another big feature film will be offered in a Frontier feature. "It is a great human nature story and one with an abuandance of humorous situations. A star cast will be seen in this.

Although this is holiday week and the Bijou is daily presenting feature films the price of admission has not been advanced, but is still the same old 5 cents, any and all the time.

TUCKER-JENKINS.

Wedding Solemnized in Methodist Church at Whitakers.

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Miss Roland Jenkins, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Jenkins, and Roy H. Tucker, of Whitakers, were married Tuesday. The marriage took place in the Methodist church, which was decorated for the occasion. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Daniels, performed the ceremony. After the marriage the couple left on the 5:18 train for Whitakers, the home of the groom, where a reception was had that night.

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Annual Report of County Auditor

For the Fiscal Year Ending November 30th, 1913.

December 9th, 1913.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
of New Hanover County, Wilmington, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Please find herewith attached my annual report of all County Funds for the year ending November 30th, 1913, together with certain statements and comment, as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"—General Balance Sheet.
EXHIBIT "B"—Revenue Statement.
EXHIBIT "C"—General County Fund.
EXHIBIT "D"—New Hanover County Road Fund.
EXHIBIT "E"—Special Bridge Fund.
EXHIBIT "F"—James Walker Memorial Hospital Fund.
EXHIBIT "G"—Court House Bond Fund.
EXHIBIT "H"—Road Bond Sinking Fund.
EXHIBIT "I"—Townships Road Fund.
EXHIBIT "J"—Salary Fund.
EXHIBIT "K"—Taxes and Licenses charged to Sheriff 1912 and 1913 and amount paid over by him to date.
EXHIBIT "L"—Recorder's Court—Fines and Costs.
EXHIBIT "M"—Maintenance of Convicts, Roads constructed, etc.
EXHIBIT "N"—Distribution of Rock from Quarry.

COMMENT.

You will note from Exhibit "C" that the cost for Tax Listing was $1,752.80 as against $1,853.10 for the previous year, a decrease of $100.30, although we had two listers in Harnett township this year which increased the cost in that township more than $150.00, making a real deduction of about $250.00. In this connection it should be taken into consideration that this work was greater this year owing to an increase of more than 10 per cent. in total taxable values and the further fact that the time for listing taxes was considerably extended.

In my opinion the cost of listing taxes can be considerably reduced by making some changes in the present system; one of which is to take the Tax Lists in duplicate, using these as the permanent records, instead of re-writing them in the Tax Books (which is a duplication of work), and I respectfully ask your authority for making this change.

The Law requires me to record on the Tax books all transfers of Real Estate in order to avoid errors in listing. It is impossible to comply with the letter of the Law at present owing to insufficient descriptive evidence; therefore I would request that you ask our Senator and Representative to present a bill in the next General Assembly requiring that all deeds or other conveyances be presnted to the County Auditor before being recorded by the Register of Deeds, so that full information can be secured to enable me to make the proper record on the Tax books. Not only would this prevent errors in Tax listing but it would enable the County Auditor to have all Tax lists covering Real Estate ready for signature of the owner at Tax listing time, whose time would only be required to list Personal property and affix his signature, thus saving the Tax Payers of the County the loss of much valuable time.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. ORRELL,
County Auditor.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.
as at November 30th, 1913.
ASSETS.

Funded:		
Cash on Deposit by Auditor standing to credit of the following funds:		
Road Bond Sinking Fund	$ 15,158.42	
Hospital Fund	391.53	
Salary Fund	244.43	
Townships Road Fund	1,275.45	$ 17,069.83
Less, overdraft—		
General County Fund	4,604.00	
N. H. County Road Fund	10,927.80	
Special Bridge Fund	9,334.87	$ 24,866.67
County Funds—overdraft—		7,796.84
School Funds—overdraft—		7,702.59
Total Overdraft		$ 15,499.43
Current:		
Taxes 1913 Due County	$ 66,420.24	
Taxes 1913 Due Schools	65,676.75	$132,096.99
NECESSARY INVESTMENTS.		
General County:		
Court House and land; Jail and land	$125,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	6,000.00	131,000.00
County Home and land	$ 35,500.00	
Furniture, Equipment and Produce	3,401.27	38,901.27
Oak Grove Cemetery		1,000.00
Federal Point railroad, less depreciation		10,800.00
Camp and Quarry Equipment, Road Roller, Etc.		20,279.88 $201,981.15

General School: (Including Buildings, Fixtures and Land).

	White.	Colored.	
City Schools	$201,500.00	$13,500.00	$215,000.00
Rural Schools	20,955.00	7,135.00	28,090.00
	$222,455.00	$20,635.00	$243,090.00
Land donated by U. S. Government for Industrial School (estimated)			25,000.00 $268,090.00
			$586,668.71

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "A"

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.
as at November 30th, 1913.
LIABILITIES.

Bonded Indebtedness:		
Court House 5s issued Feb. 18, 1891, due Jan. 1, 1917	$ 50,000.00	
Less, Redeemed	42,200.00	
	$ 7,800.00	
New Hanover County Road Fund:		
4½s issued Jan. 1, 1902, due Jan. 1, 1927	$ 50,000.00	
4s issued July 1, 1905, due July 1, 1930	50,000.00	
4½s issued July 1, 1908, due July 1, 1933	50,000.00	
4½s issued July 1, 1911, due July 1, 1936	50,000.00	
		$ 207,800.00
Floating:		
Interest accrued on Court House Bonds	$ 162.50	
Interest accrued on N. H. Co. Road Bonds	3,645.83	3,808.33
Notes payable—Schools		23,070.00
Notes payable—County Roads	$ 10,000.00	
Notes Payable—County, Bridge	10,000.00	
Notes Payable—County, General Fund	5,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		$ 259,678.33
SURPLUS		$ 326,990.38
		$ 586,668.71

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "A."

GENERAL COUNTY FUNDS.
(Exclusive of Schools.)
For year ended November 30th, 1913.

Receipts and Tranfers:		
General County Fund		$ 67,874.24
N. H. County Fund		21,572.62
Road Bond Sinking Fund		11,101.69
Hospital Fund		8,963.54
Townships Road Fund		45.28
Special Bridge Fund		30,569.05
Court House Bond Fund		341.69
Salary Fund		10,619.99
		$151,088.10
Balance on hand December 1st, 1912		33,113.92
		$184,202.02
Disbursements and Transfers:		
General County Fund		$ 83,068.06
N. H. Co. Road Fund		40,317.49
Road Bond Sinking Fund		8,833.80
Hospital Fund		9,074.84
Townships Road Fund		8.00
Special Bridge Fund		39,903.92
Court House Bond Fund		417.19
Salary Fund		10,375.56
		$191,998.86
Balance November 30th, 1913—Overdraft		$ 7,796.84

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "B".

GENERAL FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 10,589.82
	Poll and Property Tax		43,693.88
	Schedule "B" Tax		5,648.38
	Marriage Licenses,		437.95
	Sale of Produce, etc., County Home		3,206.59
	Sale of Horse, County Home		60.00
	Hire of Prisoners		233.12
	Jail Fees—Magistrates	$ 121.70	
	Jail Fees—Superior Court	140.30	
	Jail Fees—Recorder's Court	214.35	476.35
	Recorder's Court Costs	5,297.30	
	Jury Tax	78.00	
	Jury Meals	39.00	
	Stenographer's Fees	294.65	
	Fees, Auditor's Office (Schedule "B")	68.25	
	Notes discounted	5,000.00	
	Back Taxes	1,920.59	
	Refund by Sheriff (Petty Cash)	200.00	
	Superior Court Costs	101.20	
	Magistrates' Court Costs	3.90	
	Apprentice	6.00	
	Cancelled warrants	51.76	
	Sale of Land (N. W. P. Co.)	1,000.00	
	Sale of Land, (T. A. Watson)	57.32	$ 78,464.06
	Overdraft, November 30th, 1913.		4,604.00
			$ 83,068.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries:			
	Attorney, (Includes Nov. 1912)*	$ 1,083.33*	
	Auditor, (7 months)	729.16	
	Clerk to Board, (Includes Nov. 1912)*	1,433.32*	
	Clerk to Auditor	370.00	
	Jailer, (7 months)	595.00	
	Janitor (Includes Nov. 1912)	770.00	
	Solictor (4-1-13 to 11-30-13)	1,200.00	
	Bridge Tender	69.46	
	County Commissioners, (Includes Nov. 1912)	1,787.15	
	Health Department	4,086.75	
	Magistrates	172.65	
	Stationery and Advertising	972.97	
	Jail	2,918.52	
	Recorder's Court—Recorder's salary	$2,000.00	
	Recorder's Court—Other Expenses	1,837.65	3,837.65
	Superior Court		9,805.38
	Roads and Bridges		10,166.03
	Out Door Poor		4,129.17
	United Charities		1,606.60
	County Home		7,990.59
	Farm Demonstrator		490.00
	Elections		892.30
	Tax Listing		1,752.80
	Red Cross Society		1,375.00
	Military		600.00
	Coroner		619.45
	Constables		163.35
	Court House		4,009.10
	Interest on Loans		100.00
	Incinerator		2,000.00
	Purchase of land (Gregerson)		4,500.00
	Register of Deeds, to April 30th		332.90
	Treasurer's Commission, to April 30th		392.61
	Transfer to New Hanover Co. Roads Fund		8,560.13
	Transfer to Special County Fund		341.69
Miscellaneous:			
	Capture escaped convicts—expense	$ 98.28	
	Paid City half cost Recorder's Court 1912 over expense	322.96	
	Appropriation suppression of vice	450.00	
	Public Auditor, to Nov. 30, 1912	828.14	
	Public Auditor, to Oct. 31, 1913	323.00	
	Disinfectants previous to June 1, 1913	258.32	
	Copies legislative enactments	23.00	
	Bonds—advertising, etc.	68.90	
	Attendance Board of Health previous to June 1st, 1913	48.00	
	Motorcycle	250.00	
	Motorcycle expense	22.50	
	Refund taxes	25.49	
	Preparation County Map	100.00	
	Copies (4) Map Wilmington & suburbs	40.00	
	Repairs to Automobile, etc.	88.15	
	Repairs County Fence	45.00	
	Miscellaneous	223.26	3,215.00 $ 83,068.06

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "C".

ROAD FUND.
For Year Ended November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 7,817.07
	Automobile License Tax from State		905.80
	Switching Cars		453.80
	Sale of old engine		150.00
	Warrants—Cancelled		36.67
	Loading Cars		82.65
	Goods returned		18.90
	Interest		21.01
	Sale of Mule		100.00
	Sale of Dynamite		1.70
	Sale of Rock		20.00
	Sale of Hogs		50.00
	Note discounted, due on demand		10,000.00
	Transfer from Bridge Fund		1,171.96
	Transfer from General Fund		8,560.13 $ 29,389.69
	Overdraft, November 30th, 1913		10,927.80
			$ 40,317.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Purchase of ten Mules	$ 2,580.00	
	Wagons and Harness	457.53	
	Tools and Machinery	597.28	
	Insurance on Mules	204.75	
	Wheel Houses	720.00	
	Stable Tent	174.00	
	Automobile	1,050.00	
	Automobile, License and Expense	189.87	
	Feeding Mules	2,462.82	
	Feeding Prisoners	10,066.04	
	Clothing and Bedding	2,691.37	
	Freight on Rock, etc.	2,278.33	
	Repairs—Miscellaneous	1,187.28	
	Material—Rock, Lumber, etc.	284.37	
	Coal	1,046.49	
	Superintendence and Labor	8,654.71	
	Shoeing Mules	127.60	
	Quarry Expense	1,364.36	
	Supplies—Hardware, Nails, etc.	1,459.84	
	Rent of Flat Cars	15.40	
	Miscellaneous	2,303.96	
	Treasurer's Commision to April 30th, 1913	141.90	
	Interest	259.59	$ 40,317.49

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "D".

SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND.
For Year Ended November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Tax Levy		$ 10,569.05
	Notes discounted		20,000.00
	Overdraft, November 30th, 1913		9,334.87 $ 39,903.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Payments on Northeast River Bridge during year		$ 28,144.63
	Transfers to Road Fund to cover payments 1912		1,171.96
	Notes Paid		10,000.00
	Interest on Notes		406.68
	Treasurer's Commission to April 30th, 1913		180.65 $ 39,903.92

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "E".

HOSPITAL FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 502.83
	Tax Levy		8,963.54 $ 9,466.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Appropriation for the Year		$ 9,000.00
	Treasurer's Commission to April 30th, 1913		74.84
	Balance on hand November 30th, 1913		391.53 $ 9,466.37

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "F".

COURT HOUSE BOND FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 75.50
	Transferred from General Fund		341.69 $ 417.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Interest on Bonds		$ 415.00
	Treasurer's Commision to April 30th, 1913		2.19 $ 417.19

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "G".

ROAD BOND SINKING FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 12,890.53
	Tax Levy		10,517.10
	Interest		584.59 $ 23,992.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Interest on Bonds		$ 8,750.00
	Treasurer's Commission to April 30th, 1913		83.80
	Balance on hand November 30th, 1913		15,158.42 $ 23,992.22

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "H".

TOWNSHIPS ROAD FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

Dec. 1st, 1912, Balance on hand		$ 1,238.17	
Feb. 8th, 1913, Road Tax, Cape Fear Township		14.00	
July 1st, 1913, Interest		18.66	
Sept. 1st, 1913, Interest		12.62	$ 1,283.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 8th, 1913, Repairs Roads and Bridges, Cape Fear Township.		$ 8.00	
Nov. 30th, 1913, Balance on hand		1,275.45	$ 1,283.45
Dec. 1st, 1913, Balance, Cape Fear Township	$ 565.99		
Balance Federal Point Township	126.78		
Balance Masonboro Township	29.32		
Balance Harnett Township	553.36		$ 1,275.45

EXHIBIT "I".

SALARY FUND.
May 1st, 1913, to November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

	Sheriff	Clerk,S.C.	Register	Constable	Total
May	$ ------	$ 199.80	$ 360.80	$ 50.00	$ 610.60
June	995.36	398.23	334.32	79.00	1,806.91
July	437.60	371.35	366.56	43.95	1,219.46
August	360.03	429.05	302.20	79.90	1,171.18
September	257.17	338.34	390.90	81.40	1,067.81
October	1,636.29	413.31	387.20	63.20	2,500.00
November	1,050.68	769.30	359.90	64.15	2,244.03
Total	$4,737.13	$2,919.38	$2,501.88	$ 461.60	$10,619.99

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Sheriff	Clerk,S.C.	Register	Constable	Bond Prem.	Total
May	$ 541.67	$ 379.17	$ 341.66	$ 60.00	$ 12.50	$ 1,335.00
June	541.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	315.00	1,669.17
July	541.66	379.16	358.34	60.00	-------	1,339.16
August	541.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	-------	1,354.17
September	591.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	-------	1,404.17
October	541.66	379.16	358.34	63.20	-------	1,342.36
November	595.67	379.17	358.33	64.15	-------	1,397.32
Provisions	20.55	for Jail from County Home				20.55
Provisions	513.66	for Jail Purchased				513.66
Total	$4,429.88	$2,654.17	$2,491.66	$ 472.35	$ 327.50	$10,375.56
Surplus	$ 307.25	265.21	10.22	-------	-------	244.43
Defieit	-------	-------	-------	10.75	327.50	-------

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "J".

Statement of 1913 Taxes and Licenses charged to Sheriff, and amount paid by him to the Treasurer, as of date November 30th, 1913.

Real and Personal (White)			$14,095,091.00
Real and Personal (Colored)			741,934.00
Bank and Corporation Stock			4,294,246.00
Polls White	3341		$157,514.13
Polls (Colored)	1370	4711	8,856.68
Dogs		69	138.00
			$166,508.81
Schedule "B"			5,945.41
Total charged to Sheriff			$172,454.22
Amount paid to Treasurer, Nov. 30th, 1913			40,357.23
Amount to be collected			$132,096.99

	Paid	Uncollected
School Fund	$ 8,418.20	$ 36,979.84
School Fund Special		28,696.91
General Fund	31,939.03	15,526.47
Poor Fund		1,790.18
Hospital Fund		9,565.63
Road Sinking Fund		20,406.69
Special Bridge Fund		11,478.76
Health Department Fund		7,652.51
Total	$40,357.23	$132,096.99

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "K".

Statement of 1912 Taxes and Licenses charged to Sheriff and amount paid by him to the Treasurer, as of date November 30th, 1913.

	Assessment.	
Real and Personal (White)	$12,694,944.00	
Real and Personal (Colored)	687,934.00	
Bank and Corporation Stock	3,873,781.00	
Total	17,256,659.00	$129,424.95
Polls (White	2907	
Polls (Colored)	1330 4237	10,634.87
Dogs	8	16.00
Total		$140,075.82
Listed by Sheriff:		
Real and Personal and Corporation	148,569.00	$ 1,114.28
Polls	815	2,045.65
Schedule "B"		2,045.65
Collected since settlement 1911:		
Real and Personal Property, $2,323.00		16.04
Polls, 28		65.24
Total		$147,892.62

CREDITS.

Insolvent Polls, 1,523	$ 3,822.73
Insolvent Personal and Stocks, 65,652.00	492.39
Insolvent Dogs, 2	4.00
Abatements:	
Real, Personal, Etc., $46,327.00	347.45
Polls, 11	27.61
Real Estate sold for Taxes, $144,078.00	1,446.06
Polls sold with Real Estate, 44	110.44
	$ 6,250.68
Total charged to Sheriff	$141,641.94
Sheriff's Commission	4,487.06
Sheriff's cost in property sold	417.60
Amount paid Treasurer	$136,737.28
School Fund,	$ 38,308.73
School Fund Special	26,438.20
General Fund	39,652.06
Poor Fund	1,288.60
Hospital Fund	9,963.54
Road Sinking Fund	10,517.10
Special Bridge Fund	10,569.05
	$136,737.28

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "K".

RECORDER'S COURT—Fines and Costs.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.

Current Fines and Costs collected during 1913:

		Fines	Costs	Jail Fees	Solicitor	Total
December,	1912	$1,425.95	$ 413.70	$ 22.55	-------	$1,862.20
January,	1913	557.30	211.20	9.60	-------	778.10
February	"	400.00	233.75	17.05	-------	650.80
March	"	243.00	233.15	10.90	-------	487.05
April	"	371.35	218.25	24.90	57.75	672.25
May	"	279.55	246.50	19.10	41.00	586.15
June	"	255.55	254.25	9.65	32.25	555.70
July	"	229.95	265.00	10.10	45.00	550.05
August	"	397.65	248.95	10.95	41.75	699.30
September	"	143.55	347.20	10.15	84.00	584.90
October	"	222.60	298.40	15.15	55.75	591.30
November	"	303.25	424.30	16.80	80.50	824.85
Total		$4,833.10	$3,394.65	$ 176.90	$ 438.00	$8,842.65

DELINQUENTS—1913—Collected:

December,	1912	10.00	4.70	-------	-------	14.70
January	1913	46.30	22.50	4.05	-------	72.85
February	"	39.90	74.35	2.80	-------	117.05
March	"	31.00	38.25	3.65	-------	72.90
April	"	71.25	70.80	3.40	-------	145.45
May	"	29.40	77.25	.85	-------	107.50
June	"	10.40	7.00	-------	-------	17.40
July	"	15.00	43.90	-------	10.50	69.40
August	"	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
September	"	71.25	92.30	1.95	12.00	177.50
October	"	42.45	76.85	.85	4.00	124.15
November	"	21.00	68.85	.85	9.25	99.95
Total		$ 387.95	$ 576.75	$ 18.40	$ 35.75	$1,018.85

DELINQUENTS prior to December 1st, 1912, collected during present year:

December,	1912	270.10	257.80	5.35	-------	533.25
January	1913	166.40	242.80	5.25	-------	414.45
February	"	64.20	49.60	.85	-------	114.65
March	"	13.15	18.70	.85	-------	32.70
April	"	35.33	25.10	4.55	-------	65.20
May	"	18.30	63.25	1.10	-------	82.65
June	"	5.00	35.40	-------	-------	40.40
July	"	15.00	25.80	-------	-------	40.80
August	"	-------	2.50	-------	-------	2.50
September	"	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
October	"	46.55	99.55	1.10	-------	147.20

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LESS THAN A MAN

By GEORGE MUNSON.

Upon the wall of a room in a little Harlem flat there hangs a sword, and this is the story which its owner told me:

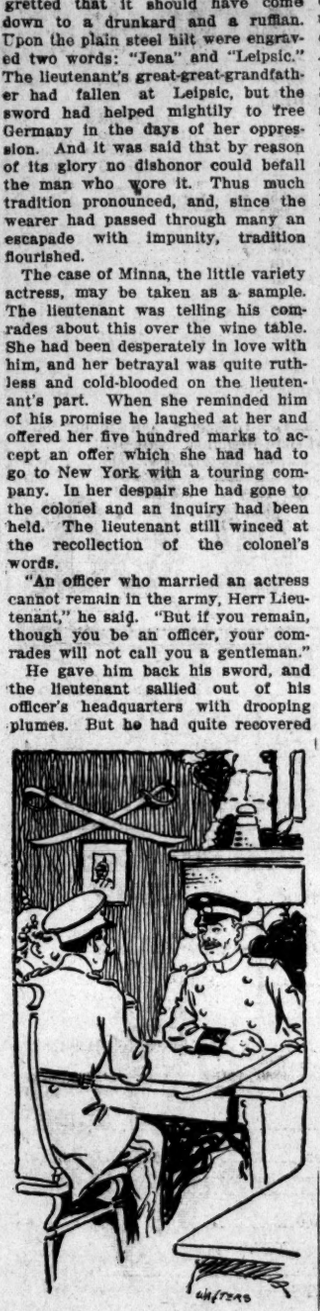
Herr Lieutenant Adolf Schmitz, seated with some fellow officers at a table in the cafe of a little German garrison town, was very boisterous, and, as was his wont when he had been drinking, he drew his sword from its scabbard and laid it upon the marble table top.

Every officer in the garrison knew that famous sword, and not a few regretted that it should have come down to a drunkard and a ruffian. Upon the plain steel hilt were engraved two words: "Jena" and "Leipsic." The lieutenant's great-great-grandfather had fallen at Leipsic, but the sword had helped mightily to free Germany in the days of her oppression. And it was said that by reason of its glory no dishonor could befall the man who wore it. Thus much tradition pronounced, and, since the wearer had passed through many an escapade with impunity, tradition flourished.

The case of Minna, the little variety actress, may be taken as a sample. The lieutenant was telling his comrades about this over the wine table. She had been desperately in love with him, and her betrayal was quite ruthless and cold-blooded on the lieutenant's part. When she reminded him of his promise he laughed at her and offered her five hundred marks to accept an offer which she had had to go to New York with a touring company. In her despair she had gone to the colonel and an inquiry had been held. The lieutenant still winced at the recollection of the colonel's words.

"An officer who married an actress cannot remain in the army, Herr Lieutenant," he said. "But if you remain, though you be an officer, your comrades will not call you a gentleman."

He gave him back his sword, and the lieutenant sallied out of his officer's headquarters with drooping plumes. But he had quite recovered



Every Officer Knew That Famous Sword.

over the wine, and he was cursing his colonel and all his enemies with fluency.

"And here's to America," he shouted. "She has gone there and may that country ever continue to take Germany's dregs from the wine-cup of her affliction."

He tossed the dregs of his wine upon the floor and sat down, well pleased with his wit. Then he was aware that a short, stout, vulgar-looking man was standing over him, his card in his hand. On this the lieutenant read:

Mr. William Schneider,
Wool Merchant.
New York and Berlin.

The man removed the card and with a rapid movement possessed himself of the lieutenant's sword, placed it across his knee, and bent it until the point neared the hilt. The other officers, who had risen as if to run the fellow through, drew back in dismay. If the steel snapped it would cost the lieutenant his commission.

"I was born in Germany," said the merchant, "but I am an American, and this fellow has made me ashamed for the first time of the land of my birth. I am staying at the Regensbury hotel. If he appears before me before ten o'clock tomorrow and apologizes he shall have his sword."

He walked out of the restaurant and not a man stayed him. At ten o'clock next morning the lieutenant, entirely sober and healthily humble, appeared at the hotel and sent up his card. He was informed that Herr Schneider had sailed for New York upon receipt of a cable dispatch, and had addressed a package to the colonel.

At twelve o'clock a court-martial met in the barracks. Lieutenant Schmitz, having lost his sword, was requested to resign his commission. At one o'clock, disgraced and mocked at, he sailed for New York, determined to wreak vengeance upon the man who had wronged him.

Herr Schneider, however, had totally forgotten the incident. He was unacquainted with military etiquette and he had supposed that in sending the sword to the colonel instead of the lieutenant he was performing an act of graceful homage. Some ten days after sailing he was seated in his office, discussing business affairs with his manager.

"Business in Germany is good," he said vigorously. "If we had only a good representative there. Levisohn is honest but slow as the devil himself. Maybe I shall send you, Jackson."

"I'd have to learn the lingo first," said Jackson, smiling, and Mr. Schneider saw the smile on his face gradually change to a glance of horror. Schneider looked round. Behind him stood the lieutenant, holding a leveled pistol at his head.

"You're going to die now," he snarled. "You robbed me of my sword and my honor and I'm going to kill you like a dog."

"You act like a dog," said Schneider pleasantly, and his elbow, gliding under the projecting drawer of the desk, struck the lieutenant in the ribs. At the same moment Schneider ducked, the revolver clattered out of Schmitz's hand, and the lieutenant stumbled forward. Then Schneider pummelled him.

"You've never had a thrashing, you cur; that's what's the matter with you," he shouted, and with each word his fist landed on the lieutenant's face or body. Presently he grew tired of his diversion. He looked at the groaning man on the floor.

"Hey! Was you ever in the wool business?" he shouted. "I want a good man in Germany. Come round in a week's time and I'll give you a job. Now get out."

Schmitz got out. He walked into the street like a man newly awakened. His caste stripped from him, the sudden sense of his unworthiness, his physical disability, together produced a sudden moral revolution in him. That night, because he was penniless, his landlord turned him out into the street. For days he tramped Manhattan, eating from garbage barrels, helpless, ignorant where to obtain assistance. It was a salutory process.

One night, while desolately roaming the region around Fourteenth street, he came face to face with a woman. She was emerging from the actors' entrance to the German theater. They knew each other at once.

"Adolf!" she cried, and in her tone there was no trace of anything but joy.

He caught her hands in his. "Minna!" he said, and sobbed. That made his self-realization complete. This woman whom he had loved, whom he had cast aside, was the only person in all the world who treated him as a human being. And her love had never changed.

He told her everything and they sat for hours in the little Union Square park that night, discussing their future. It was hard to do as Minna advised, but in the end common sense triumphed. At ten the next morning, hat in hand, Adolf Schmitz appeared at Mr. Schneider's office door.

"I have come for that position," he said humbly.

Then Schneider, with all a German's pride, took the man's hands in his and cheered him and advanced him money for lodging and clothes. And he explained to him that he wanted a representative to travel in Germany and sell military cloth to regimental tailors.

"If you've the makings of an American in you you'll take that job," he said.

But he did not know what Schmitz had in mind. He was resolved to make his humiliation the more complete, in order that he might avenge himself the more upon that past self which he hated.

I said that the lieutenant told me this story. But the rest of it I had from a friend of the colonel of Schmitz's former regiment.

"We had agreed to see samples of tailor's cloth," he said, "and when the name of the agent was brought in, and we read Adolf Schmitz, some of us winced a little, but nobody thought that it was our Schmitz, a former officer, now working for an army tailor.

"'Show him in,' said the colonel, and when he entered we all gasped in astonishment and I saw the colonel's face grow fiery red, and his hand sought his sword, as though to punish the fellow's insolence.

"But when he spoke he was so changed, so dignified and at the same time respectful that we understood and wondered at the alteration.

"'Colonel and gentlemen,' he said. 'I am representing Herr Schneider of New York and Berlin, and I want to show you some samples of our cloth.' He smiled, a little tragically, I thought. 'I have found my level, gentlemen,' he continued. 'Once I thought I was an officer upholding the honor of Germany. Now I see that I was less than a man. So I have chosen a worthy companion and have become a tailor's agent. Will you please look at these goods?'

"He spread the samples out upon the table, and the committee gave him the largest order upon record. The colonel got severely reprimanded by the inspector-general afterward for extravagance.

"Schmitz noted the order and turned to go, when our colonel stopped him. He went to the wall, where Schmitz's sword hung, by virtue of its famous history, and he took it down and poised it in his hands.

"'Herr Schmitz, you may not be an officer, but you are a man,' he said. 'Tradition says that this sword cannot convey dishonor to him who owns it. You have proved your right to it.' He gave it to him."

That is the story Schmitz and Minna told me, and they took down the blade, in proof of it, from where it hung upon the wall of their Harlem flat. And on it I saw not two words, but three: "Jena, Leipsic, New York."

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In 10 days we shall begin another of the 15,000,000 years science has kindly placed between us and annihilation. Rapidly nearing the brink.—Philadelphia North American.

The total amount of land purchased in the eastern states for federal forests is nearly 800,000 acres. So far the principal work on these areas has involved their protection against forest fires.

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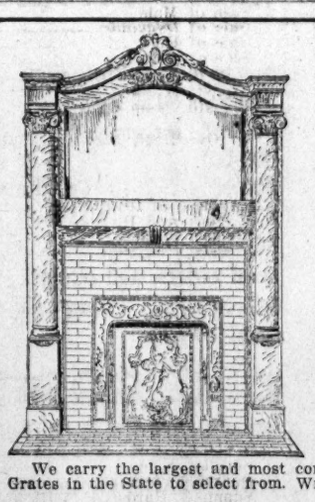

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No. 51, * 5:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 56, *12:20 A.M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65, ! 6:25 P.M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P.M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 5:00 P.M.
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No. 62, * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
No. 59, * 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A.M.
No. 43, * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Brailer Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, 10:00 A.M.
No. 57, ! 7:00 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Conway and Intermediate stations.	No. 58, ! 9:45 A.M.

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IN EFFECT OCTOBER 6th, 1913.

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Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park.	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach.	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington.	Leave Beach for Wilmington.
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ALL DRAFTS, checks, express money orders, and postal money orders, for the paper should be made payable, and all communications should be addressed to THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

Friday, December 26, 1913.

London cablegrams report that the diamond trade has fallen off. People probably decided that they could not buy eggs and diamonds at the same time.

A great many Wilmington boys seemed to be able to blow their own horn Christmas. Come to think of it, however, noise is cheaper than anything else.

The termination of some lawsuits shows that an understanding or a misunderstanding, as the case may be, is not a binding contract. Put it in writing in 1914.

One of the things for every man to get for himself during the new year is more backbone. We can resolve to turn over a new leaf, but if we get the backbone to do it, over goes the new leaf.

For a man who is reported to be without funds, Huerta seems to manage to scuffle along better than most of us. His credit must be good, else people must be afraid not to stand and deliver when he needs the money.

When Wilmington's jumped up corn show attracts attention as far away as Chicago and Pittsburg, it shows how far reaching is the effect when our people do something. It is getting busy and staying on the job that counts.

The usual Christmas horrors coming in from all over the country, should cause us to reflect whether we celebrate Christmas like sane people or not. There will be a heavy toll in life for the kind of Christmas we celebrate.

It remained for the Democratic administration to give the country currency reform. The country needed it, but it could never get it from the Republicans. They had the chance during half a century to provide it, but didn't. That's all.

Without being able just at present to decide to go over to the Progressive party or worry along in hopeless defeat, the Republican party seems to be unanimous in its aims to be the alarmist party. A Progressive is not near such a calamity howler as a reactionary Republican.

The peanut is one of the greatest assets of productive eastern North Carolina. Since the peanut enters into numerous manufactured products, we ought to make all of them here. The peanut is a raw material that we can use to great advantage right here where the raw material is produced.

Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, denies a report that he has approved the Burleson proposition for government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. A Washington paper so quoted the Senator, but he writes to the New York Journal of Commerce over his own signature to say: "I am in no sense committed to the acquirement by the government of telephone and telegraph lines."

Even the ocean covered coast may produce values we little dream of. The Engineering and Mining Journal says 141 producing oil wells are located 18 miles in the ocean off the coast of California, near Santa Barbara. During the past year these wells produced 100,000 barrels of oil. What about the fields of floating oil that ships report every now and then off the North Carolina coast? What does it mean?

THE NEWSPAPER MAN'S PROBLEM.

While the railroads find it hard to meet expenses on account of the increased cost of operation, the newspapers of the country are in the same boat. It is especially so with the weekly newspapers which have a circumscribed field for getting revenue from advertising. The subscription price of most weeklies is $1 a year, and some of them never collect that. Nevertheless, they cannot be published for a dollar, hence they are compelled to increase the price, as the Norfolk Virginian truly remarks:

"The weekly newspapers of North Carolina are taking counsel together for an advance in their subscription rates partially responsive to the greatly increased cost of publication. Why not? The newspaper is the one necessity of modern life which is cheaper than ever before; and yet the prices of skilled labor, of printing paper, of machinery and all that goes into the production of the finished sheet, are greatly in advance of those obtaining when the present charges to subscribers were fixed. The same is true of the daily journals. In 1860 the city papers in Virginia were four sheet issues, with limited telegraph news, containing no pictorial features, employing small corps of writers and compositors, and their weekly outlay on all accounts was not nearly so much as that of the Virginian-Pilot is for a day; but then the mailing or delivery rate averaged $10 per annum while now it ranges from $5 to $6."

The above is a clear statement of the situation as it applies to both weeklies and dailies, and yet the dailies do not seem to have a remedy. So far as the country papers are concerned, they face a real problem. Some North Carolina papers already have advanced the subscription price to $1.50 per annum. Others fear to make the venture, but it is a matter of business and if the various communities appreciate the importance of their papers they ought to insist that the publishers increase the price so they can give them newspapers that are representative of their towns and counties. What communities most need are newspapers that are not hampered in the service they give and consequently embarrassed in their work for the upbuilding of their town and section. Good newspapers are demanded more than ever and they are worth every cent that a community can give them in advertising and subscriptions. No community can do its best without a newspaper that is representative of it and is able to make the best showing for it.

It is quite reasonable for the weekly papers to increase the price of subscription, but the Virginian-Pilot sees no hope for the daily press, which is up against it in probably the same proportion. That esteemed contemporary urges that the patrons of the average Southern daily get more for their money than at any previous time in the history of journalism. That is quite true. The publisher is today expending on every copy he sells far more than he gets for the paper, and if he has a falling off in advertising support, his problem is serious, indeed—serious for him and the community which wants to make a good showing.

Communities are more exacting than ever in their demands for a newspaper, but if they were willing to pay for it the situation would not be so bad. Yet, according to the view of our esteemed Norfolk contemporary, "any hint of a raise in subscription would be resented by the general public as an outrage." Hence it concludes that "the cause of the city dailies is hopeless", and that "any attempt to readjust it would be met by a storm of protest and maybe a boycott."

Why so, however? Is the public unreasonable? Since it is merely a business proposition, we think it is largely a matter for publishers to decide for themselves. They know what it costs to publish a creditable newspaper, and the public ought to stick to them in their purpose to give it the best in their shop.

TOBACCO MONOPOLY IN FRANCE.

The French government last year realized $105,000,000 profit from its tobacco monopoly. That may look good, but it is a tax on chewing. That, however, is nothing new in France, for it is said the government, whether it has been imperial, royal, or republican, has maintained the monopoly of tobacco manufacture during the past 102 years.

France is one of North Carolina's best customers in the purchase of leaf tobacco. The French government buys the weed and it is imported in hogsheads to be made into the finished article in the government factories. It is noted, however, that a net profit of $105,000,000 has been made this year out of a capital of only $30,000,000, which is about one-third the capitalization of the lately dissolved American Tobacco Company. Think, however, of a profit that is annually worth more than three times the capital invested!

The French government has twenty great factories that work up all the tobacco manufactured in France, and the government not only does the manufacturing, but the right to retail it is jealously guarded by the State. It is unlawful for dealers to manufacture or sell tobacco. While France buys a lot of North Carolina tobacco, there are 47,250 licensed tobacco growers in France, so the government even gets a tax out of the growers. That is a tax on production. The French growers produce about 40,000,000 pounds on 50,000 acres of land, which, we believe, is about the average production per acre in North Carolina. Besides buying all the tobacco grown in France, the monopoly purchases 55,000,000 pounds of foreign grown leaf, most of which is bought in the markets of the United States.

WINTER EXCURSIONS.

The fine Winter climate of the South is becoming a greater asset than ever, and the Southern locality that has a hotel to accommodate the guests from the North is in luck. The railroads are catering to them in every way possible, and are not only running regular tourist trains but are to run stated excursions with round trips of 15 days at low rates for people who want to make a flying trip to the South in the dead of Winter. The enterprising management of the Atlantic Coast Line has initiated the movement and it is bound to grow in popularity with each recurring season.

On January 12th and February 13th, the Atlantic Coast Line will offer exceptionally low rates to accommodate people from the Central Atlantic and Northern States who may wish to look over opportunities in the South. Resorts in Florida and other States are specially interested in the movement, for they are prepared to take care of visitors from the North. However, as we understand it, these Winter excursions are especially for homeseekers desiring to look over the South, while, of course, there are plenty of people who will come South for the sake of the Winter trip alone.

As a consequence of the Coast Line's initiative, numerous sections of Florida are looking for record crowds in January and February. The Jacksonville Times-Union expresses appreciation of the movement and gives the credit to Traffic Manager W. J. Craig, who has made a most exhaustive study of the homeseeker and tourist traffic. Certainly it is a capital idea to give homeseekers and investors this opportunity to see the South and look up opportunities at a time when there is very little doing at the North.

The Coast Line is handling through trains from Chicago and the Central West as well as from New York and the Middle Atlantic. The trains operated by the line furnish all the facilities for comfortable travel, including fine dining car service and all the accommodations that will make these Winter excursions attractive.

We long to see Wilmington included among the places that cater to tourists and homeseekers, and if we will get ready for it, this fine action of North Carolina can take advantage of it as well as the South Carolina, Georgia and Florida points which are enjoying prosperous Winter seasons every year.

NOT OUT FOR THE STUFF.

One of the finest traits in the character of a real man is gratitude, and it took Eddie Collins, the crackerjack second baseman of the world champion Athletics, to prove that gratitude is worth more than money. When he was offered $50,000 for three years if he would jump his job with the Athletics, Eddie threw down the chance of picking up $150,000 and getting on Easy street. He simply spurned the offer, and made this remark about it:

"Strange as it may seem, I don't believe there is my financial offer which would induce me to leave Connie Mack. Why, he is the man who made me."

To go back on the man who made him was more than Eddie Collins could think of doing. He simply put a higher estimate on gratitude than he did on a job that would pay him $50,000 a year for three years. His honor was worth more than that, and while it might be said that men are "out for the stuff" none of it is worth so much as a real man's honor. If he had taken the bribe there would be a time when he would give three times as much to get back his self respect.

Eddie Collins, baseball celebrity, proves that gratitude and loyalty is not a bygone trait among men. Any bid made for a man's honor, it a paltry sum, whether it is large or small. It is a bribe for a man to go back on himself. When a man sells himself out he is a cheap screw at any price. He can never look in the glass at himself and hold up his head again as long as he lives.

The dollars isn't everything in the world. Eddie Collins' manhood is above money. He wouldn't do Connie Mack "dirt" for $150,000, but the fact is the briber was asking him to do the worst "dirt" to himself. All honor to Eddie Collins! His conduct furnishes a fine illustration for a sermon on the honor, integrity and self respect that is worth more to a man than filthy lucre.

Eddie Collins was not out for the "suff" when it was simply the price of a dirty deal.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The fellow who placed 20 sticks of dynamite under a Winston store evidently was one of those insane criminals. No man in his right mind would think for a moment that such a microscopic charge could jar the Twin City.—Greensboro News.

Mr. T. C. Nelson, of Valmead, recently killed two hogs 15 months old that netted 813 pounds and his brother, R. A. Nelson, of Yadkin Valley, killed two pigs eight months old, that weighed 250 and 255 respectively, while Amos Lynch, colored, of the same neighborhood, killed two that weighed 336 and 358.—Lenoir News.

E. R. Preston, of Charlotte, announces that he will oppose Representative Webb next year. The only reason Mr. Preston gives for his candidacy is that Mecklenburg is entitled to the nomination. Wonder if he would say this if some other gentleman from the same county was the candidate? Mr. Preston is no doubt a good man and competent, but the reason he gives is not a good one. If Mr. Webb has been derelict in his duty, "fire" him. If he has been all right in every respect—and there is nothing shown to the contrary—he should be kept in the halls of Congress.—Greensboro Record.

Greetings of the season to the monazite farmers of Cleveland county! The sand beds are to be made to contribute to the world of science the new substance known as "mesothorium," whose rays have the same healing power as radium in the cure of cancer and whose market value is $80,000 an ounce. The monazite beds are to be worked by the Welsbach Company, which has in the past used the monazite for the manufacture of incandescent mantles. The mining of monazite was made unprofitable by the admission of the Brazilian product practically free of duty. The statement is now made that there will be no further need of the importation of the foreign monazite. Dr. Harlin Miner, the analytical chemist of the Welsbach Company, says that his company "owns great deposits of this monazite, or thorium-bearing mineral, in North Carolina and also in South Carolina, which promise to supply the world with mesothorium for years to come. Investigation has shown that these deposits are of such size that when they are properly developed the importation of monazite from Brazil will be unnecessary." The Welsbach Company has already begun the manufacture of this mineral salt and Dr. Miner says in an interview with the Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Times that within the next 12 months his concern "will treat from 400 to 500 tons of monazite ore, from which thorium is derived, and that from this amount an average of from two to three milligrams of mesothorium will be obtained. So it is safe to say that at the end of next year, when the mesothorium product of the Welsbach Company will be placed on the market approximately 1,000 milligrams of the mineral salt will be ready for scientific use, quadrupling the present supply." This development ought to inspire the owners of the monazite beds in this section of the State with renewed hope. It ought to make their holdings in sand more profitable than had been dreamed of.—Charlotte Observer.

Probably Mr. Pankhurst never even dared venture to express the hope that the next baby would be a boy.—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

Hereafter the annual dinner of the Military Order of the Carabao may be known simply as the "officers' mess."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Bryan has lost his pet dog. But we are glad that he keeps on getting the goats of certain folks.—Kendall (Wyo.) Clarion.

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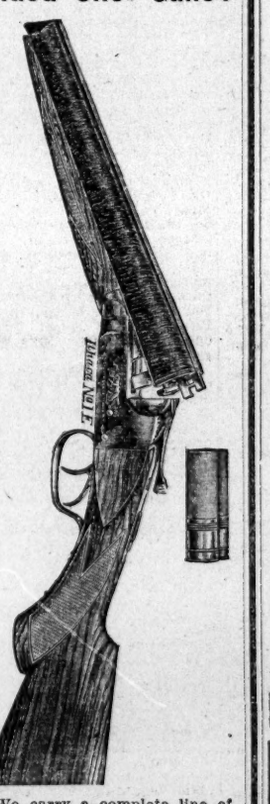

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover.—In the Superior Court, October Term, A. D. 1913.

M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company—Advertisement.

Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred (600) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 93-100 ($26,104.93) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company against the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness;

Now, Therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House door, expose for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property.

E. K. BRYAN, Commissioner.

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NOTICE.

$25.00 reward will be paid for evidence to convict any person or corporation who sets fire that burns any of my lands in this or any other county in this State. 120 N. Water Street, Wilmington, N. C. D. L. GORE.

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CHRISTMAS IN WILMINGTON

General Suspension of Business in City —Poor Families Remembered— Church Services.

Christmas in Wilmington was generally observed by suspension of business and the day was given over to pleasure and recreation. With the exception of the popping of firecrackers it was as quilet as Sunday and there was litle of the boisterous conduct that is frequently associated with the day. On the other hand there was a general spirit of good cheer and joyfulness that is especially characteristic of this city and section.

There were frequent showers during the day but not enough to make it unpleasant. Early in the morning there was a considerable downpour. At 11 o'clock the sun burst forth through the clouds and it seemed for a while that it would fair off. But the clouds failed to move away and in the afternoon there were intermittent showers. Late in the afternoon the wind began to blow and this with the accompanying flurry of rain drove many strollers to their homes.

There was a general suspension of business and only here and there could be found a store that was open. On the corners men congregrated and discussed things in general. There was constant popping of crackers that reminded one that it was Christmas for it is only on these festival occasions that they are allowed to be used.

There were services in a number of the city churches which were attended by many. Others found pleasure and happiness in making visits to friends and relatives while there were a large number who took this opportunity of remembering the more unfortunate with suitable gifts.

Then there was the Christmas dinner without which Christmas would lose half its pleasure. And it is safe to say that there were more appetizing dinners served yesterday than there has ben on any previous day of the year for those who could not afford them out of their own means were given the wherewithal by generous kind hearted friends.

Church Services.

Christmas services were held at St. James Episcopal church at 11 o'clock. There was a sermon by the rector, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion. A collection was taken for missions. At St. John's Episcopal church the Holy Communion was celebrated at 7:30 A. M. and there was morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Appropriate Christmas services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran church at 11 o'clock. There was a special programme of music and sermon by the pastor. Rev. F. B. Clausen. At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Sunday School had its annual Christmas tree. Special Christmas services were held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 11 o'clock when the pastor, Rev. G. W. McClannahan, preached. Special music was also rendered.

Salvation Army.

It was a busy day yesterday for Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas, of the Salvation Army and their assistants. For the first time in Wilmington a Christmas spread was served at the Seamen's Bethel, corner Dock and Front streets, which was attended by several hundred people. Some idea of the amount of food served can be gained when it is taken into consideration that there were 100 pounds of turkey, five big hams, 100 loaves of bread, 20 quarts of cranberries, 150 pies and numerous other good things to eat on the table. Several barrels of fruit were also given away. Following came the Christmas tree when presents of candy, fruits and toys were given to more than 400 children. Special music was furnished by an orchestra from Delgado.

More than 100 baskets of provisions and numerous articles of clothing were also distributed to poor families in the city on Christmas eve. Adjutant Mataxas stated last night that it had been a record breaking Christmas for the local post and said that he felt highly gratified at the results achieved. He and Mrs. Mataxas desire to thank the people of Wilmington for the splendid aid and help which they have given.

County Convicts.

The county convicts were not forgotten in the seqson of good cheer and the Yoke Fellows band carried out to the camp at East Wilmington and at Acorn Branch all kinds of Christmas presents which made glad the hearts of the unfortunates. The day was given to the prisoners for rest and recreation and a bountiful dinner was served. It was a commendable undertaking and one that was greatly appreciated by the convicts.

County Home.

The Yoke Fellows did not forget the county home where there are many who would not have the pleasant things that go to make up a joyful Christmas had the people who are more fortunate not remembered them ni a substantial way. Through the help o fthe good people of the Wilmington and others they were enabled to have a dinner that was indeed a treat. It was Christmas and no doubt about it. The spirit was there and all were happy in the knowledge that they were not neglected and forgotten as perhaps they sometimes think.

BEAUTIFUL SERVICE.

Knights Templar Have Christmas Exercises Yesterday at Noon.

Following the usual custom and in common with the other commanderies all over the world, Plantagenet Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, had appropriate Christmas exercises yesterday at noon in their asylum in the Masonic Temple. The exercises were in charge of Mr. B. H. Stephens, commander of the Commandery, who made a short talk on the spirit of Christmas and the principles of the order.

He was followed by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, who spoke for a few minutes in which he paid a beautiful tribute to the work that the Knights Templar uphold. A quartette composed of Mrs. Longfellow, Prof. France and Messrs. Smith and Holden rendered several beautiful selections. Light refreshments were then served and a collection taken for the poor.

FUNERAL OF MR. WILLIAMS.

Services From Residence Yesterday Morning at 11 O'clocsk.

Attended by many friends simple funeral services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence, No. 805 Chesnut street, in honor of the memory of Mr. C. E Williams whose death occurred early Wednesday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Bantist church. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. John M. Branch, R. M. Roberts, C. D. Norris and J. W. Conway.

MARE WISE SELECTION.

Press of South Generally Pleased With Coast Line's New President.

The election of Mr. J. R. Kenly, of Wilmington, as president of the Atlantic Coast Line to succeed the late T. M. Emerson has met with the warm approval of the newspapers of the South. Mr. Kenly enjoys the confidence not only of the management of the road but of the people generally. The Savannah Morning News recently had the following which will be of interest:

"Mr. J. R. Kenly, the new president of the Atlantic Coast Line, has had a thorough preparation for that position. All of his life, since reaching manhood, he has been a railroad employe, and he has been with the Coast Line for thirty-one years. He has been its superintendent, its general manager and one of its vice presidents. Hence, it is fair to assume that he knows the road thoroughly and is in every respect qualified to discharge the duties of the highest position it has to offer.

"He is well known to many people in this section, his duties in the different positions with the road having brought him in contract with them. It is a safe prediction that he will leave nothing undone to maintain the road's present high standard. The cities on the line of the road are particularly interested in knowing what his policy will be in regard to them—whether or not he will be liberal in matters that would make for their upbuilding.

"No doubt the interests of the road will be his first consideration but, judging from his attitude in the past, it is safe to say that they will have no occasion to complain of him. He is profoundly interested in the upbuilding of the South, particularly this section of it, and there is no reason to doubt that, in so far as he can, he will favor a liberal policy in the matter of improvements in dealing with the cities along the line of the road."

GOOD PROPOSITICN.

Charlotte Observer Interested in Land Development of This Section.

Commenting editorially on the story carried in the Star this week concerning a new company which purposes to develop the lands of this section in order to bring in settlers from other points, the Charlotte Observer yesterday had the following which will be of interest:

"Thte Wilmington Star makes the interesting announcement that a number of Chicago capitalists and business men have formed a strong company for the purpose of undertaking extensive developments in the Wilmington section. It grows out of the corn show held in Wilmington last Fall. The Western people were struck with the possibilities of this section over the Middle West as a corn producing country. The Chicago company has not yet stated what section it will select for its development work, but The Star says the probabilities are that it will operate in the Wilmington territory, that its operations will be strictly along agricultural lines and that it will develop a large area of fine farming lands which it will colonize with thrifty German farmers from the Middle West. This is moving along the right lines. The Chicago people are doing business under the name of the North Carolina Company and have an office in Wilmington. They will find splendid opportunities in this State for land development and the colonization of the class of people they propose to send here. It is the Americanized farmer from the West that North Carolina wants. We have the land for him."

ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

Staff of Imperial Mutual Life Insurance Company Celebrate.

One of the enjoyable occasions of the Christmas holidays was the meeting yesterday morning of the local staff of the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company, of Asheville, at their office, Nos. 21 and 22, Odd Fellows' Building. Mr. A. W. Ek, secretary of the company, who is also manager of the Wilmington office, had previously sent to each agent a fine turkey and the agents in turn met at the office yesterday and presented Mr Ek with two boxes of fine home made cigars, especially manufactered as a gift for Mr. Ek by the Upchurch company.

The speech, of presentation was made by Mr. M. E. Street and was happily responded to by Mr. Ek. The others present made short speeches expressive of their appreciation for the splendid work that had been accomplished during the year Those present were Messrs. A. W. Ek, manager, M. E. Street, assistant, W. B. Street, W. H. How, A. H. Jones, E. B. Stanley, N. D. Stanley and T. H. Tate, agents, and Miss Willie Bonyer, bookeeper and cashier, who received gold pieces from the home office and also from the local manager.

SEMINOLE CALLED OUT.

Schooner in Distress on Diamond Shoals Near Hatteras.

In response to a wireless message announcing that a schooner was in distress on Diamond Shoals, near Hatteras, the revenue cutter Seminole left Wilmington yesterday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock to aid the vessel. The name of the vessel was not given in the message. She had lost her rudder and in the heavy gale which was blowing yesterday it was feared that she might be carried ashore.

The Seminole had just gotten in yesterday morning to spend Christmas in port and to get supplies. The sailors had gone ashore and were engaged in having a good time when the hurry call came. It was first reported that a vessel was afire but there was no foundation for this report.

MISS MINNIE WARD DEAD.

Respected Lady Passed Away Yesterday Morning at Masonboro.

Friends in the city will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Minnie Ward, widow of the late Levi Ward, which occurred yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. R. J. Padrick, on Masonboro Sound. She was 46 years old.

Surviving her are one child, two sisters, Mrs. R. J. Padrick, of Masonboro Sound, and Mrs. F. M. Redd, of Onslow county and one brother, Mr. C. H. Justice, also of Onslow. They will have the tender sympathy of many friends. The funeral will be held this morning from the Baptist church at Masonboro Sound at 11 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. The interment will be in the church graveyard.

Well Known in Greensboro.

The following appeared in Tuesday's editorial column of the Greensboro Record: "Mr. S. A. Scloss, whoes death is announced from Wilmington, had many warm friends in Greensboro. He had charge of the local opera house for some years and was a kindly disposed man and a clever gentleman. He had been in bad health for many months."

SEAMEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET

Elaborate Spread in Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Church Last Night. Entertainment.

It was indeed an enjoyable occasion last night when nearly 200 sailors, officers and men, who are now in port, assembled in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for the annual Seamen's Christmas banquet, given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Seamen's Friend Society. The hall was attractively decorated with holly and other evergreens with tinsel drapings and Christmas bells hung here and there.

There were plates for 250 guests and these would have all been filled had not the revenue cutter Seminole been called out yesterday afternoon. The British steamer Lingfield, which was expected to be in port, also sailed Wednesday. Those, however, that were fortunate enough to be in port had such a feast of good things to eat as is seldom served at an occasion of this kind combined with high class entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental music and interesting impersonations and readings.

Mr. T. C. Findley, president of the State Floating Christian Endeavor Society, had charge of the arrangements for the dinner and well did he perform his duties. The dinner was served by members of the Christian Endeavor Society and they also ably assisted Mr. Findley in the work of getting together the feast and in making out the programme for the occasion.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock the sailors and their friends took their places at the tables and sang with spirit and enthusiasm the doxology following which Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure asked the blessing. Then came the dinner. To describe it in detail would take too long, but suffice it to say that there were oysters, turkey and cranberry sauce, fruits, nuts and last, but by no means least, English pudding which was made especially for the occasion by Mrs. Findley. Those who have never eaten English plum pudding still have something to live for. During the progress of the dinner the Sunday school orchestra of St. Andrew's played a number of musical selections that added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion, for they are all skilled musicians and last night they surpassed their usual splendid playing.

Following the dinner came the entertainment. Mr. Findley made a short talk in which he expressed his appreciation of the splendid aid and help that he had received from the people of the city in getting up the dinner. Dr. McClure had charge of the programme and introduced the various ones who took part. Following is the programme:

Impersonation of a mountaineer by Dr. Joseph Akerman; soprano solo by Miss Lydia Post; reading by Miss Isabel McDougall; soprano solo by Mrs. George Boylan; reading by Miss Rachel Pearson; Piano solo by Miss Julia Post; vocal solo by Mr. F. W. Tremaine; short talk by Mr. S. A. Matthews; Reading by Miss Sarah Hines; Dutch dialogue by Messrs. Wood and Pittman; song by St. John's church choir with Miss Julia Post as organist.

An interesting feature was the distribution of comfort bags to the sailors. These were made by members of the Christian Endeavor societies all over the State and were especially pretty and serviceable.

At the close of the delightful programme one of the Seamen in a pretty speech expressed the appreciation of himself and comrades for the splendid dinner and the most enjoyable evening that had been given them.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

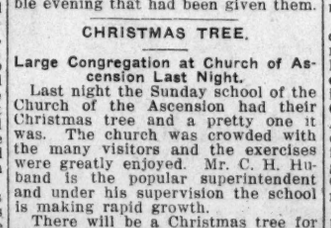
Large Congregation at Church of Ascension Last Night.

Last night the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension had their Christmas tree and a pretty one it was. The church was crowded with the many visitors and the exercises were greatly enjoyed. Mr. C. H. Huband is the popular superintendent and under his supervision the school is making rapid growth.

There will be a Christmas tree for the members of the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd tonight beginning at 7 o'clock. Exercises appropriate to the occasion will be given and there will be presents for all the little folks. The special Christmas service in celebration of the Christmas season was held at this church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. There was a large congregation present at the services.

Man Mysteriously Hurt.

Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock a man was brought into Smith's drug store, who had been found on the street in a semi-conscious condition. He was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital for treatment. It was found that he had been given a severe blow on the head, though the skull apparently had not been fractured. He could not speak English and his name could not be learned nor any of the circumstances as to how he came to be hurt. The police are working on the case.



Few people have any idea of the magnitude of the Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign. This year over 100,000,000 seals have been printed and distributed. If placed end-to-end these seals would extend nearly 2,400 miles, or practically from New York to Salt Lake City. They have been sent to over 25,000 different agents and will be sold and handled by an army of not less than 100,000 volunteers, including men, women and children. Millions of advertising circulars have been scattered throughout the country, and so thoroughly has the advertising campaign been organized that it is doubtful if many people in the more populous States of the country will not have heard of the Red Cross Seal and its mission in the prevention of tuberculosis. It is hoped that at least 50,000,000 seals may be sold this year. The principle upon which the sale of seals is based is that every cent except what little is needed to cover the actual cost of printing and handling shall be spent for tuberculorisi work in the community where the seals are sold.

AVIATOR'S DARING EXPLOITS

Jay Reed, Who Spent Six Weeks Here, Gives Thrilling Account of His Career.

Jay Reed, a young aviator, who spent six weeks here working on a new aeroplane which Mr. David Palmgren and others are getting out, is now in Savannah, Ga., looking over a new airship which is being gotten out in that city. The Savannah Morning News of Tuesday carries an interesting account of some of his exploits as an aviator which are thrilling to say the least. Says the News:

"Mr. Reed arrived here yesterday morning from Wilmington, N. C., where for several weeks he directed the construction of a flying machine, the invention of David Palmgren of that place to stop here and see the Batson hydroaeroplane at Dutch Island in which he is much interested. He is a guest at the Hotel Savannah.

"Only 22 years old now, Mr. Reed began flying when he was 19 years old, and for a year was the youngest aviator in the world. He studied aviation at the Curtiss school in San Diego, Cal., in 1911. One of his first stunts which attracted attention was to "pile up" a machine, resulting in a forced stay of eight months in a hospital. In that accident he sustained two broken hips, one broken arm and three broken ribs. "But there wasn't much the matter with me," he said in describing the accident.

"Early in 1912 he went to Chicago and flew his Curtiss machine in many of the Central States in aviation meets. A short time later he went to New Orleans and there met Dr. John de Praslin, a Spanish adventurer. Then things began to happen in earnest. Praslin induced him to go to Mexico, which he did. President Madero was then in power and he signed up Mr. Reed as the official aerial scout for his army. For his services he was to receive $55,000.

"Late in January, 1912, he went to Vera Cruz and thence to Mexico City. Then Madreo had his own troubles and Felix Diaz was quartered in the arsenal, where his men shot at every head that appeared in range.

"Meantime Madero had been making his payments for Mr. Reed's services regularly. But the trouble President concocted a scheme of blowing the arsenal, with Diaz and his men, into atoms, and suggested that Mr. Reed consummate the plan from the air. But the aviator balked, as it is the privilege of good Americans to do. First because it was against his scruples to act the part of a paid assassin with nitro-glycerine bombs or any other instruments of death, and, second, because to make himself safe from Diaz's bullets he would have to ascend to a high of 5,000 feet, and from that distance it would have been impossible to drop the bombs with accuracy, with the result that a great part of the city would suffer and many innocent people be killed.

"'After my refusal to do that, said Mr. Reed, 'Madero began to let things slide and so did I. And soon after, Feb. 23, he was assassinated in the palace, as everyone in Mexico knows. So when the Madero government fell there was nothing left for me to do but join the Huetra forces.

"Madero had given me a fine uniform and the rank of first lieutenant in the army, and these I kept. With Huerta's army I went to Monterey, across the country northward from Mexico City. We were still Federals. I was flying at Monterey, doing scout duty, for about a week, when Carranza, leading the rebels, took the city. The battle itself was a farce. Huerta had 1,200 men to garrison the city, and after about twenty had been killed they lost their courage and surrendered and turned rebels. I turned rebel too.

"I had been flying for Carranza only two days when on one flight my motor stopped and I had to descend. I was picked up by a party of Federals, carried to Matamoras and put in prison, where I was kept until Carranza came and took the town. As an officer in Carranza's army I could not openly desert, but at the first opportunity I slipped out of town, got a boat and rowed across the Rio Grande to Brownsville. I didn't stop moving until I got to Memphis.

"I left my machine in Matamoras. I brought back with me $11,000 in paper money issued by Carranza and which he paid me for my services. It will never be worth anything unless Carranza becomes President, and then I can cash it.

"I had a lot of fun and a great many experiences in Mexico. One morning while I was imprisoned I saw twenty one Mexicans executed at Matamoras. I was a little shaky about by own fate at that time. However, as much as the Mexicans hate an American they have a wholesome respect for him. My successor in Mexico was a French aviator named Dieder Masson. One machine he was shipping into the country was confiscated by the United States authorities when they learned to what use it was to be put. He then went to Tucson, Ariz., with a Curtiss machine to make exhibition flights. One of these he headed for the Mexican border and crossed over. He later shelled two Mexican gunboats for the rebels, but since then nothing has been heard of him.'

"After returning to the United States Mr. Reed went to New York. Soon after, accompanied by Rodman Law, known as the professional dare devil, he started out to fly across the Atlantic.' We got about twenty miles out at sea, said Mr. Reed, 'when, realizing it was useless to attempt the feat in my machine, I began to wish I was back. I looked at Law and he looked at me and then we both looked down at the great waves below us. Neither said anything and I don't know how my machine got turned around, but it wasn't long before we were headed for Staten Island, where we landed saftely. I didn't show myself on the aviation field for two weeks.'

"Law, the man who went with Mr. Reed on this flight, is the man who made a gigantic sky-rocket and planned to have himself shot up into the air on it. Mr. Reed set off the fuse, which resulted in an explosion and Law was blown some distance, but not seriously injured. Later Law jumped from Mr. Reed's machine while he was 200 feet high and going at sixty miles an hour. He landed head deep in a creek bottom, and again escaped injury."

FUNERAL OF MRS. CURRIE.

Services and Interment at Oakdale Cemetery Yesterday Morning.

The remains of Mrs. May Colville Currie, accompanied by her husband, arrived in Wilmington yesterday morning. The funeral was held at Oakdale cemetery at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and was conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There were a few friends who attended the services. Mrs. Currie formerly resided here and had a large circle of friends who were deeply distressed to learn of her death.

Regular Interest Quarter

Jan. 1st-2nd

The PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

On the Corner of Front and Princess Streets

A Merry Christmas

To All!

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

PRETTY CHRISTMAS TREE.

Splendid Programme of Exercises at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

One of the prettiest Christmas trees given at any church in the city during the holidays was that given yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. Paul's Lutheran church. The large auditorium was filled to overflowing with the large congregation which had gathered to enjoy the splendid programme of exercises that had been prepared for the occasion. The church was beautifully decorated and the large tree added much to its attractiveness. Except for the infant class there were no presents given out as the children had previously voted that they preferred that the money for presents be sent to the orphans for a similar purpose. Other presents were donated to charitable organizations in the city.

The programme was well rendered by the children. Especially impressive was the scene in which the children representing different Bible characters came in from the rear and gave short recitations. Another part of the programme that was much enjoyed was the responsive singing from the children in the galleries and those in the congregation. The other recitations were all of a high order and reflected fine training.

One of the most remarkable recitations was by little Miss Voss, about eight years old, who had never before faced such a big audience to recite for them. Reaching the stage, she gave the title of her speech and immediately stage fright took possession of her. Walking over to her teacher she asked to be prompted, which was done and notes handed to her. Beginning again she spoke loud and distinctly for several verses and halted. Having dropped her notes she reached to the floor for them and as quickly found her place and proceeded with the identical delivery and completed her task with pluck that inspired the gathering and should have special mention. This was the only break during the exercises, but the pastor said it was entirely excusable as the little girl had not been given the many verses in time to learn.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary.

The Fayetteville Observer of Wednesday:

"Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, one of the most prominent and beloved couples in Fayetteville, are today celebrating their Golden Wedding at a family reunion at their home on Haymount, where have assembled 29 children, grandchildren and children-in-law, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Watson and two children, of Wilmer, La.; Major Paul Watson, of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. C. Smith and seven children, of Fayetteville; Hon. H. L. Cook and Mrs. Cook and six children, of Favetteville; Major C. B. Ledbetter and Mrs. Ledbetter and three children, of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. McRae, of Fayetteville.

"May this aged and honored couple, who through adversity and prosperity have lovingly climbed life's hill together, stand for many years yet upon the summit, enjoying the fruits of ripe and honorable old age, and seeing their children and grandchildren rise up to call them blessed."

BRIDE FROM WISCONSIN.

She Came to Wilmington to Marry the Man She Loved.

From far away Wisconsin she came but the trains made the proper connections without a mishap of any kind, and Wednesday morning Miss Sarah Hale arrived in the city and within an hour was married to the man she loved, this being Mr. Clyde E. Harris, who is from the same town as she, but is now working in this city on the sewerage extension work. It was indeed a happy couple that knocked at the door of Grace Methodist parsonage at 11:30 o'clock and in a very few minutes the words were said by Rev. J. D. Bundy, that made them man and wife.

Mrs. Harris is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hale, of Aurora, Oregon, but has been living in Cuba, Wisconsin. Mr. Harris' parents live in Cuba, Wis., but he has been in Wilmington for some time coming here from Phoenix, Ariz. They will reside here until he finishes his work on the contract now under way.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Speaker Clark left today for New York and New England for a week's lecture tour, during the recess of the House. It is the first time the speaker has left Washington to lecture during the last two sessions.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—In the presence of their 12 year old daughter, Laura, James T. Karney, 52 years old, shot and killed his wife today and then putting a shot gun to his neck, pulled the trigger, blowing off the side of his head. Mrs. Karney was pleading with her husband to refrain from drinking, especially on Christmas day, when he turned upon her and killed her.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(Continued from Page Two.)

November "					31.56
Total	$ 634.25	$ 852.15	$ 19.05		$1,505.45
Total Collected	$5,855.30	$4,823.55	$ 214.35	$ 473.75	$11,366.95
Delinquents, December 1st, 1912					$ 5,062.76
Collected during this year					1,505.45
Balance uncollected					$ 3,557.31
Delinquents this year:					
December-April					$ 825.10
May-November					351.95
Total					$ 1,177.05
Collected during the year					1,018.85
Uncollected November 30th, 1913					158.20
Of this amount, to April 30th					68.10
Recognized until in December					85.65
Delinquent for period May-November					4.45
					$ 158.20

Cases Open, 2. Cases Reserved, 3.
Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "L".

COST OF FEEDING PRISONERS, ETC.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.

Cost of Feeding Prisoners	$10,066.04	
Total prison days	40,512	
Average cost per man per day	$	0.24 85-100
Cost of clothing and bedding	$ 2,691.37	
Average cost per man per day	$	0.06 64-100
Average cost feeding and clothing	$	0.31 49-100
Cost Guards	$ 8,654.71	
Cost Medicines, Rewards, etc.	$ 355.16	
Total average cost per man per day	$	0.53 73-100

Road Macadamized, 3½ miles
Concrete Bridges Built, One—60 cubic yards.
Roads Oiled, 10½ miles.
Right-of-way cut for Federal Point road, 8 miles.
Macadamized road re-surfaced, 6¼ miles.
Dirt Road rebuilt, 3 miles.
Dirt Road improved (Middle Sound and Masonboro) 3 miles.
New Fence built, 627 yards.
Hand Rail on Northeast River Bridge, 80 feet.
Railroad Track taken up, 2 miles.

In addition to above, considerable time was spent in Ditching, Patching, and Cutting Weeds and Bushes alongside the various roads of the county.

EXHIBIT "M"

DISTRIBUTION OF ROCK FROM QUARRY.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
Tons.

		Rock Dist.	Castle Hayne	Scotts Hill	Turnpike	Fedr. Point	Caro. Hts. & Place	Gordon Road	To City
Dec.	1912	820	----	----	460	160	----	----	200
Jan.	1913	2,240	----	100	440	1,540	----	----	160
Feb.	"	1,320	----	----	380	940	----	----	----
March	"	1,200	----	80	40	1,080	----	----	----
April	"	1,620	----	200	360	1,060	----	----	----
May	"	2,220	----	----	----	2,220	----	----	----
June	"	1,000	----	----	80	760	160	----	----
July	"	1,355	----	220	175	940	20	----	----
Aug.	"	860	80	500	----	280	----	----	----
Sept.	"	984	----	410	----	----	574	----	----
Oct.	"	384	100	4	----	280	----	----	----
Nov.	"	760	100	220	----	370	20	50	----
Total		14,763	280	1,734	1,935	9,630	774	50	360

		Hauled by Cars	By Cars	By Truck
December,	1912	----	820	----
January	1913	100	2,140	----
February	"	----	1,320	----
March	"	80	1,120	----
April	"	200	1,420	----
May	"	----	2,220	----
June	"	160	840	----
July	"	60	940	355
August	"	----	360	500
September	"	574	----	410
October	"	4	----	380
November	"	20	270	470
Total		1,198	11,450	2,115

EXHIBIT "N"

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, of Pittsboro, are spending the holidays with their son, Mr. L. E. Thomas, No. 411 North Second street.

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The following is from Wednesday's Florida Metropolis of Jacksonville: "Mr. and Mrs. Montague Cecil Williams of Wilmington, N. C., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Richardson at Swimming Point."

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From Wednesday's Virginian-Pilot, of Norfolk: "Mrs. J. O. Wiggs, of Wilmington, is spending the winter with her two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Fry, in Florence, S. C., and Mrs. W. R. Middleton in this city."

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Rev. T. G. Vickers, the new pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, and his family, have arrived and are now at home in the parsonage of the church. Mr. Vickers was stationed last year at Burgaw and was transferred to Wilmington at the last session of the conference in Oxford.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark and Mrs. J. E. Clark, of No. 214 Red Cross street, have as their guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. John X. McDonald, of Rolton. Mrs. McDonald has recently returned home after an absence of eight months visiting in Los Angeles, Cal., and in the Grand Canyon.

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Those who have in charge the musicale to be given at St. Andrew's Memorial Hall this evening for the benefit of the Linen Auxiliary of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, feel themselves very fortunate in securing as an additional number to the programme as previously published, a solo by Miss Julia Culbreth, teacher of voice culture in the Carolina College at Maxton, N. C. Miss Culbreth arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at the home of her brother, Dr. N. A. Culbreth.

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DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL TO BE GIVEN THIS EVENING

The ladies of the Linen Auxiliary of James Memorial Hospital will give a delightful entertainment in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock for the benefit of the hospital. While primarily a musical including both instrumental and vocal selections, there will be a number of readings. Besides the local talent who are in the city all the time there will be severel selections rendered by students in schools of elocution and music in some of the larger cities who are now home for the holidays. There are several quartettes in the city who have kindly consented to sing and this will add much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock and the price of admission will be 25 cents.

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BEAUTIFUL WEDDING IS SOLEMNIZED AT BELCROSS.

Belcross, N. C., Dec. 25.—A beautiful wedding was solemnized on the afternoon of December 22nd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sawyer of Belcross, when their daughter, Florence Bell, became the bride of A. Bryan Combs.

The ceremony was performed in the living room which was tastefully decorated in green and white. At 3 o'clock the candles were lighted and Miss Rose Goodwin, of Elizabeth City, N. C., sang in an impressive manner, Speak's Elysium, after which Miss Mary Elliott, of Mackey, N. C., played the wedding march from Wagner's Lohengrin. The attendants, Miss Maude Sawyer, sister of the bride, Miss Louise Bennett, of Middleburg N. C.; Samuel E. Leonard, of Lexington, N. C., and A. Ray Sawyer, brother of the bride, entered first. Then came the sister of the bride. The bride entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. Edwin M. Sawyer, and was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Mr. Weaver Marr, of Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Isaac N. Loftin, of Elizabeth City, performed the ceremony, during which Miss Eliott played Schumann's Des Abends.

The bridesmaids wore white shadow lace over crepe voile with black picture hats and carried tea roses The maid of honor was gowned in white dutchess satin trimmed with shadow lace and maribeau. The bride wore a traveling suit of mahogany fabric trimmed with Hudson seal fur with hat and gloves to match

Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Combs left for an extended Southern trip.

Mrs. Combs is one of the most attractive young women of this section. She was educated at Meredith College. Mr. Combs is an A. B. and A. M graduate of Wake Forest Colege. He is at present principal of the high school at Bryson City, where the happy couple will make their home.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Two white sailors, who refused to give their names, were arrested night by Policemen M. C. Huggins on a charge of engaging in an affray. They were lodged in the city prison.

—F. P. Davis, white, was arrested yesterday morning by Policeman L. A. Justice on a charge of having made an assault on Dan Mintz, also white. He was recognized for his appearance before the Recorder this morning.

—Hays Johnson, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Plainclothesman Leon George on a charge of shooting a pistol within the city limits and also for carrying concealed weapons. He was lodged in the city prison.

—Arthur Washington, colored, was arrested last night by Policeman A. L. Long on a warrant sworn out by Rufus Davis, colored, who alleged that Washington cut him between the shoulders with a knife. The negro was locked up to await a hearing before the Recorder this morning.

—G. W. Nixon, colored, will have to face two charges before the Recorder this morning, one for assault and one for carrying concealed weapons. He is alleged to have drawn a pistol on young Edgar Coleman. He was arrested and lodged in the city prison yesterday afternoon by Policeman W. F. Craig.

—Policeman T. M. Hall yesterday killed a dog at the home of Mr. Walker K. Toot, No. 508 Market street, which was apparently rabid. The dog had bitten Mrs. Toot and was making an effort to escape into the yard when the police department was notified to have the dog killed. The head of the dog wil be sent to Raleigh for examination.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. H. Mitchell is spending the holidays visiting his mother at Louisburg.

—Dr. B. W. Page, superintendent of health of Robeson county, was in the city last night on his way to Teachey, N. C., where he will spend a part of the holidays.

GREETINGS FROM AFAR.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure Received Message Last Night from Son.

From across the seas Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, received a Christmas greeting last night, this being sent by his son, Mr. Alexander M. McClure, who is now at Colombo, Ceylon. There was but one word in the cablegram, this being "Mizpah." But the spirit was there and it was indeed a happy thought that prompted him to remember those that were far away. After all, the world these days is not so big as is sometimes thought.

Mr. McClure was sent last year by the Yale-Towne Manufacturing Company as their representative to South Africa. After working this territory he went to India and has recently gone to Ceylon where he will remain for some time. His wife sailed from New York last Saturday to join him there. He will next go to Australia.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Business of The New York Department Stores Immense.

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(The Wall Street Journal.)

A memoer of the firm of Gimbel Brothers said: "We ate busier than any time in the history of our store. Last Saturday we delivered more packages, by over 22,000, than on any previous day in our history. Deliveries are enormous, and yet our sales are not up to our forecast.

"But we are much gratified with the present situation. People are not buying as extravagantly as they formerly did, which is a healthy sign. The mild weather has been partly responsible for our failing below our forecast in certain lines. Our Christmas busineses will exceed last year's by a pleasing margain."

An official of the Greenhut-Siegel Cooper Company said: "Holiday business is ahead of last year. Cold weather would have brought heavier sales of staple Winter goods. It is hard to predict what the new year will bring but we are naturally optimistic and always look for better times.

An official of R. H. Macy & Co. said: Last Saturday's tremendous business indicated how the holiday wind is blawing. In years Christmas shopping is put off until the last few days. And the proportion of sales is well distributed. We are selling many expensive articles, such as diamonds, furs and Oriental rugs which are being bought for gifts. We feel the new year will se better business and we are backing our belief by laying in stocks accordingly."

An official of the Siegel Stores Corporation, controlling the Simpson Crawford Company and the Fourteenth Street Store in New York and Henry Siegel's in Boston said: "Business at the present time is about on a par with last year. Our holiday business is slightly better, but the backwardness of the regular Winter sening makes the average about equal to last year. It is hard to size up what the conditions will be next year. If Legislators will give the country a rest, and the currency and Mexican questions are settled in the near future, business next year should be very good."

Vera Cruz, Dec. 25.—The Spanish armored cruiser Emperador Carlos V, which was ordered to Mexican waters for the protection of Spanish subjects, arrived here this morning.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Margaret Dalley, 68 years old, and her granddaughter, Miss Margaret Murphy, 15 years old were suffocated in a fire in the home of Martin M. Murphy early today.

In 26 states there are state foresters who cooperate with private timber-land owners in solving forest problems.

WANTS AGE LIMIT PUT UP.

Only Recommeendation Watson Will Make on Child Labor.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—Commissioner Watson will recommend to the General Assembly that the laws as to child labor be not changed at this time except that he will favor a gradual increase of the age limit from 12 years upward. "The child labor record is more encouraging in South Carolina than in any Southern State," said Co. Watson today. He referred to the absolute elimination of children under twelve years of age from the cotton mills of this State.

Mr. Watson stated that the making of finer goods by the mills has had a great deal to do with the ease with which the younger children have been removed from the textile establishments.

Family conditions are not such in South Carolina mill communities that the children can be entirely eliminated from the mills, Col. Watson will point out to the General Assembly in his annual report. The families have not all reached the stage yet where the aid of the children of over 12 years are not needed.

However, the commissioner thinks a law should be enacted at the approaching session of the Generaly Assembly fixing Jannuary 1, 1915, as the date for all children under fourteen years to be taken out of the mills and manufacturing plants. "This could be done, I think," stated Col. Watson, "without detiment to the families and to the cotton mills industry. I am inclined also to favor setting eixteen years as the age limit for the first of January, 1917. This would give the mills and the workers time to prepare for the change."

The forest service maintains nine experiment stations for studies in re-forestation and similar subjects.

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DO YOU PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRIES?

Those of you who have been making your purchases away from Wilmington should think before patronizing mail order and houses away from home any further.

Who sympathized with you when your little girl was sick? Was it the mail order house?

Who carried you last winter when you were out of a job and had no money? Was it the mail order house or was it your home merchant?

When you want to raise money for the church or for some needy person in town, do you write to the mail order house, or do you go to your home merchant?

How much does the mail order house give towards keeping up sidewalks or paying the minister's salary?

When you were sick how many nights did the mail order house sit up with you?

When you had to raise money to pay your gas bill, did you get it from the mail order house or a home merchant or contractor?

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HIS YELLOW STREAK

By GERALD TAYLOR.

"The reason why some men never succeed," said Anderson at the club, "is that they don't measure up to more than their twenty or twenty-five a week. Take Joe Ransom, for instance."

"What, Joe Ransom who—?"

"Shut up, Mortimer. I'm telling this tale."

"But Joe Ransom has succeeded—at least, he—"

Anderson turned on him so savagely that Mortimer growled himself into silence. Then Anderson resumed.

"Joe Ransom was a poor clerk, earning $18 a week. That was four years ago. He used to come round to my bachelor rooms in the evening, and, when I wasn't too busy to kick him out, he would lament the harshness of fate and the hardness of his boss until I kicked him out anyway. Ransome thought I hadn't much sympathy for him, and I hadn't. But he thought, also, that I hadn't any interest in him, and there he was wrong. He was very interesting to me as a psychological subject. I knew that Joe's failure came from a certain instability of character. He had a yellow streak in him, but it hadn't had the opportunity to show up, that's all.

"He had a girl—all those fellows have. Her name was May Latimer, and they didn't see any prospect of getting married. I met her once. She was a good-hearted, shrewd-headed, rather common type of girl, and just the mate for Joe. He hadn't had the sense to select her, though. She had selected him.

"And then one night Joe came rushing into my rooms, wild with excitement.

"'Get out!' I said. 'I'm busy.'

"'Can't help it,' answered Joe, dancing round the room. 'You've got to listen to me. Fortune's turned. I'm rich.'

"'What's the matter?' I asked. 'Got a raise from your boss?'

"'No,' answered Joe, trying the tango with my best leather chair. 'I've come into a fortune.'

"Then he reminded me about an eccentric old uncle of his in Maine whom

"So It Seems There Isn't Any Property After All.

he had often spoken about. It seemed that the old boy had died and made him his sole heir to his property, which was worth a little more than $40,000. Joe showed me the lawyer's letter from Portland, and he was so excited that he forgot to take it away when he went home.

"From that hour Joe Ransom was a changed man. The property was to be sold and he expected the money within six weeks. Every tradesman in our town learned the news. Joe bought $500 worth of clothes the second day. On the third day he purchased a touring car and a runabout. On the fourth he bought a yacht. On the fifth he invested in a house and a butler. On the sixth he negotiated for a steamship passage around the world. When two weeks had gone by all Joe Ransom's money was tied up in negotiable securities. And the money was still a month distant.

"I said Joe Ransom had a yellow streak in him, and now it came out. In the middle of the third week I met May Latimer in the street. She tried to hurry by me and I stopped her. Then I saw that she was crying and she looked ten years older.

"'What's the matter, Miss Latimer?' I asked.

"'Joe has thrown me over,' she sobbed. I said she was a commonplace sort of girl, and the type that would blurt out that sort of thing. But all the same she was just suited to Joe and I was mighty sorry for both of them.

"The hound kept away from me after that. I guess he knew that I had got wind of the affair. Folks began coupling his name with that of Miss Macy, a local society girl, as the newspapers phrase it. Miss Macy hadn't any money, but she had style and dash to sell and she wasn't chary about it. I reckon she was anxious to get those pretty insteps of hers inside that touring car.

"It was at the end of the fourth week when Joe burst into my rooms one evening, as white as a sheet. In his hand he held a lawyer's letter. He handed it to me without a word and sank down into my leather chair. There was no tango this time. His face was drawn and yellow. I read the letter and looked at him, and I was quite shocked at the change in his appearance.

"'So it seems there isn't any property after all,' I said.

"'No,' he cried. 'The old hog hadn't any title to that land at all. What am I going to do, Will? I'm ruined.'

"'What about the real estate and the touring car?' I asked. I couldn't help taunting him.

"'They're going to take everything back,' he answered savagely. 'But what good will that do me? I owe five hundred for the clothes and it will take me my life to pay that back—if I get back my job.'

"'How about Miss Latimer?' I asked, and Joe sprang up and grabbed me by the arm.

"'I've been a hog and a skunk, Will,' he said. 'Do you think she'll take me back? Do you?'

"I told him to be a man, to go to his boss first and ask for his old job back; then to go to Miss Latimer and ask her forgiveness. I think he saw things more seriously when I had finished speaking to him. Anyway, he did what I told him to, and next day he was back with his former employer, working for $18 a week. And the following Sunday I met him walking with May Latimer and their faces were radiant.

"Yes, that was a lesson for Joe Ransom. All the town was laughing at him. The little boys called 'chug, chug,' after him in the streets. But May was a plucky girl and she stood by him, and I saw that he was determined to live down the past.

"Two weeks passed. The boys had ceased to yell after Joe. The day for the marriage had been fixed. The tailor had been pacified, through my intervention. Joe's future was apparently to be as untroubled as his past had been. The brief splurge, the short and vivid dream of wealth had steadied the fellow. The yellow streak had worn itself away. And then, a few nights before his wedding day, Joe and Miss Latimer came round to my rooms together. Joe had a letter in his hands. He handed it to me without a word. I read it. 'Dear Sir,' it ran:

"'We beg to notify you that the sale of the property of your uncle, the late Mr. Josiah Ransom, netted the sum of $43,897.16, and we are enclosing you a draft for the same, less five per cent. commission and estate fees.

"'Respectfully yours,

"'Wedgwood and Orpington.'

"'Well, young people,' I said, 'what do you make of that?'

"Joe swallowed painfully. 'I've sent a telegram and had the letter confirmed, and they say the former letter was a hoax,' he said. 'It's true, Will, don't you understand? Lord, that practical joker saved my money for me. I don't owe a penny except to the tailor, and May is going to see that there aren't any touring cars.'

"'It seems as though that practical joker did you a good turn against your wish,' I said. 'Maybe he was a friend of yours in disguise, Joe.'

"'Maybe,' said Joe Ransom doubtfully.

"But May Latimer had more perception than I had given her credit for, because, as they went out of the door she suddenly turned and squeezed my hand.

"'I'll never forget this—never, Mr. Anderson,' she said.

"'Take care of Joe,' I answered, 'and we'll call it square.'

"She did."

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Try Sandalwood for Flies.

London people have discovered or adopted, rather, an agreeable way to keep their houses free from flies and mosquitoes. They burn sandalwood, which has a pleasant odor, but one that is disliked by these summer pests. The idea has been imported from the Orient, where it has been used for many years.

The sandalwood can be bought at almost any Turkish or Japanese importing house. It is prepared for burning by being cut up into pieces about half an inch thick and three inches long, and then baked or dried in a slow oven for 24 hours. A piece of the wood is then lighted and placed in a metal urn. After it has become well aflame the flame is extinguished and the red ember left to smolder until it is all consumed and only a small heap of fine gray ashes is left.

Human Thumb a Brain Gauge.

The fact that there is what is known as the "thumb center" in the brain, recognized by all surgeons, demonstrates the immense importance attached to the thumb by medical science.

If there is a tendency toward paralysis, the physician notes it in the thumbs long before the malady shows itself in other directions. An operation to avert the calamity, if possible, is frequently performed on the "thumb center" of the brain, and the thumb itself is watched for results favorable or otherwise.

It is a matter of record that the thumbs of idiots and those mentally weak are undersized, characterless, and usually cling closely to the side of the hand.

Too Heavy a Handicap.

Two boys who managed to be rather unruly in school so exasperated their teacher that she requested them to remain after hours and write their names one thousand times. They plunged into the task.

Some fifteen minutes later one of them grew uneasy and began watching his companion in disgrace. Suddenly the first one burst out with despair between his sobs and said to the teacher:

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THE EYES OF LOVE

By HAROLD CARTER.

The blind man's dog led him to his accustomed corner, and the blind man's cane, which had been tapping along the sidewalk, was laid down upon the flagstones. The blind man took his seat, crossed his legs, and began to display the tray of trifles that he sold.

"Oh, what a nice dog!" exclaimed a young girl's voice. "Oh, I beg your pardon!" There was confusion in the tones, for she had discovered that the dog's owner was blind. The next minute the blind man felt a coin slipped into his hand.

"Thank you, Miss," he murmured, and then, by its milled edge, he knew that it was a dime.

Though the blind man had no eyes to see with, he knew that the girl's hand had patted the dog's head and that the animal was looking gratefully after its friend as she tripped up the street. The blind man was no faker, as many "blind" men are. He had lost his sight in an accident when he was quite an old man, and, having no other manner of earning a livelihood, he liked to sit at the street corner and "feel" the people passing by.

The next afternoon two people stopped in front of the blind man and again the coin with the milled edge was slipped into his hand. And once again the blind man's dog felt the girl's caress.

"When we are married we must have a dog like that," whispered the girls' voice. Only the blind man could have detected it, but blind mens' ears are sharp and this man knew everything that was happening within a radius of many yards. He knew, for instance, that that moment of silence meant a kiss—it was a secluded corner—and he knew that the little

They Never Came.

movement which followed meant that the girl was putting her hat on straight afterward.

The blind man and his dog looked for their friends for many days afterward, but they never came. Somehow the blind man fancied that something was wrong. He spoke to his dog.

"Jim," he said, "can you take me to where the nice girl lives—the girl who gave us a dime?"

Jim cocked his ears, but this was a little too hard for him, and so he gave it up. But late that afternoon a young man stopped in front of the blind man.

"Do you remember a young lady who gave you a dime the other afternoon?" he asked, and the blind man nodded.

"Give her this," whispered the young man, and the blind man felt a note slipped into his hand, together with another dime. The blind man hid the note away under his shoestrings.

Next afternoon he felt Jim pulling upon his leash and unfastened it. Jim bounded away, and a minute later he was back, uttering short, joyous barks. The young lady stood before the blind man.

"Your dog acted so strangely," she said in confusion, "that I almost fancied you wanted some help today." She held out a dime, and the blind man took it because, when you are blind, you cannot be proud any longer.

"He left you this," whispered the blind man, and gave her the note. The girl took it and slipped it into her muff. Then the blind man was left alone and the dog was straining upon his leash.

Half an hour later the girl was back. "Give him this," she whispered, and the blind man felt a note slipped into his hand. He hid it under the shoestrings and waited.

"Have you anything for me?" asked a man's voice next morning. The blind man's hand slipped into the tray and felt for the note. It was not there. He had a strange experience that day. A woman who wanted—really wanted—shoestrings had stopped and bought a dozen pairs. The blind man must have given her the little, three-cornered note among the goods. The blind man hung his head. He dared not speak, and the young man passed mournfully into the distance.

The next moment the blind man had set down his tray and was running after the young man. Tap, tap, went his cane on the sidewalk, and Jim leaped at his side, guiding him deftly between the passengers. The blind man thought he was nearing the object of his pursuit and redoubled his speed. Jim tried to pull him away, but the blind man was frantic with fear that the romance would be ended by his absurd mistake. He slipped on the curb, raised himself, and then went down beneath the heels of a pair of carriage horses.

The traffic stopped and the coachman got down and lifted up the blind man.

"Drive to the nearest hospital, Jones," cried a lady inside. "Put him in the carriage—never mind my dress. Quick!"

The wheels revolved, the horses raced along, and the blind man's dog leaped at the side of the vehicle, moaning dismally. But the blind man lay unconscious inside the carriage.

"There is no hope," said the surgeons. "It is useless to operate. We must just take him into the ward."

All that afternoon the blind man lay on his bed and the woman sat beside him. And later in the day there came a rustle of skirts down the ward. All day the nurses had walked to and fro, but the blind man had not stirred. But now he moved and opened his eyes and smiled. It was almost as though his soul knew whose that presence was.

"Dorothy!" exclaimed the woman of the carriage.

"Mamma, I had to come. I read in the afternoon papers that it was our blind man who had been hurt."

"Our blind man?" echoed her mother in surprise, and just then both saw that the blind man's eyes were open. The blind man's hands twitched at his clothing, and then the fingers closed on something which the surgeons had not seen.

They had hurried the blind man into bed, just as he was, for it would have been useless torture to have attempted to change the soiled clothing that clung to the crushed body. And inside the blind man's shirt, where it had somehow slipped, was a little three-cornered note.

The blind man's fingers closed contentedly upon the trophy. He would give it to him when he got well. He must not let the girl know now. He was afraid. Somehow he guessed that there had been a quarrel, or that the young people were not allowed to meet, and he meant to make it right when he got back. He—he—

A man was coming down the ward. The step was not a doctor's step, but that of a healthy person who treads lightly in a room of suffering, not knowing how nervous this makes a patient, especially when he is blind. The blind man knew that step.

"Charles!"

"Mrs. Easton!"

"Come here," said the woman of the carriage, and would have drawn the young man away. Then, the blind man knew, he would depart forever. But with the intuition of the dying—and he realized what this strange weakness meant—the blind man saw the solution of the problem. He called, till they gathered round him. Then he felt for the young man's hands and for the girl's, and joined them.

"Promise me," said the blind man to the mother. And she, having taken his life, could not refuse his dying wish.

"Forgive me, Charles," she said. "I thought it was best for Dorothy. But you can take her now. I can't refuse—but what does it mean?"

The blind man knew what it meant. It meant that he could destroy that little three-cornered note at which his fingers strained and tore under the bedclothes.

"My dog!" whispered the blind man. "you—yours—"

"We'll take care of him, for your sake," whispered Dorothy.

The blind man did not speak any more. He knew that it would be only a little while before he would see again.

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Dead Language Deciphered.

To discover a language—or, rather, to learn to read a language long forgotten—is the achievement of a young Frenchman, M. R. Gauthiot. All we have known of Sogdiana and its people is that Strabo and Herodotus mentioned them, that an Iranian text says that grasshoppers were the scourge of the country and that a Sogdian portrait appeared on the tomb of Darius Hydaspes.

In the deserts of Chinese Turkestan the sands have buried a vast civilization that was forgotten for centuries. The dry sand preserved intact numbers of manuscripts in an unknown language written in unknown characters. These M. Gauthiot has managed to decipher by the fortunate finding of fragments that had notes in other known languages. It is expected that now we may learn something of Sogdiana and the civilization that lies beneath the sands.

New Way to Settle Dust.

As a general rule, the roads in and around French towns are tarred at the commencement of the summer in order to abate the dust nuisance. It has, however, been found that tar, although excellent in the case of macadamized roads, is of little or no value where car lines and paved street crossings intersect the roads in every direction, as tarring cannot be carried out on stones.

The authorities, basing their action on the well-known hygrometrical properties of common salt, have made a test of its value in laying the dust. Twenty yards of roadway have been sprinkled liberally with salt and then watered freely. If the results are satisfactory, salt will be used throughout the town of Havre, it being possible to tar the majority of the streets, as they are paved with rough stone blocks.

A national arboretum is being established in Rock Creek national park, District of Columbia. Eventually it will contain all American tree species which will thrive there.

The bureaus of entomology and the forest services, working together for the control of forest insects, last year covered more than 160,000 acres in their operations.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
December 26, 1913.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 52 degrees; at 8 P. M., 58 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees; mean, 53 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.26; rainfall for the month, to date, 3.13.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 12.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Cloudy and colder Friday, preceded by snow in the mountains. Saturday, fair; high west winds.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., December 25.
Observer, Wilmington, N. C.—Change to Northwest storm warning, nine P. M. Storm near Virginia Capes, moving northeast. High, shifting winds, becoming northwest.
BOWIE.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 26.

Sun rises ..... 7:10 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:10 P. M.
Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 54 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	8:49	9:09	3:31	4:11
Southport	6:39	7:00	12:16	1:15
Masonboro Inlet	6:28	6:49	11:56	12:55

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 25, 1913.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	40	28	.0
Asheville	raining	42	38	.98
Atlanta	cloudy	44	34	.56
Augusta	cloudy	40	34	.42
Birmingham	snowing	42	32	.34
Boston	raining	38	34	.0
Charleston	clear	64	52	1.32
Charlotte	cloudy	40	30	.82
Chicago	cloudy	38	36	.0
Galveston	clear	44	40	.0
Jacksonville	clear	70	60	1.52
Memphis	cloudy	36	32	.38
Mobile	cloudy	48	46	.60
Montgomery	cloudy	48	46	.66
New Orleans	cloudy	48	44	.0
New York	raining	42	40	.12
Oklahoma	clear	38	20	.0
Palestine	clear	58	36	.0
Pittsburg	snowing	38	36	.32
Raleigh	raining	42	40	1.32
Savannah	clear	66	52	1.12
Shreveport	cloudy	40	38	.34
St. Louis	snowing	32	32	.02
Washington	raining	42	38	1.08

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SAFE AND SANE CHRISTMAS DAY

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hold them until they accede to the rebels' demand for funds.

Over 100,000 Baskets.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Chicago enjoyed its most successful Christmas today, due to the thorough manner in which the charitable organizations did their work. More than 100,000 basket dinners were distributed. The downtown missions and several churches fed hundreds.

Santa Claus, in the person of "Good Fellows" visited about 20,000 homes of the poor. The "Good Fellows" responded to every letter addressed to Santa Claus received by the post office and to every appeal sent to their organization. They distributed food, clothing, toys and in many cases money. Inmates of prisons and hospitals were not overlooked.

The municipal Christmas tree in Grant Park, where thousands gathered Christmas eve to hear the carols sung by noted singers, was again visited tonight by a crowd of several thousand.

Postoffice employees enjoyed a well-earned day of rest. The Chicago postoffice handles 20 per cent. of the parcel post business of the nation, and in the last ten days the daily average of outgoing parcel post mail was 300 tons. In addition, the office handled daily 3,560,000 pieces of first-class mail.

UNION SERVICES AT KINSTON

Outline of Christmas Actives at Lenoir's Capital.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 25.—Kinston's churches, deciding that the religious observance of Christmas day has heretofore been too lax, held a union service at 11 o'clock this morning in Queen Street Methodist church. Several congregations, including Methodist, Baptist and Christian, united for the service, which was featured by a sermon by Rev. B. W. Spilman, field secretary of the Southern Baptists, who resides here.

Besides the activities of the churches in celebrating the day, various charitable organizations and individuals got in good work. The United Charities distributed confectioneries to poor children at the high school building. The managements of two mills in East Kinston gave hundreds of employes presents and will give a Christmas tree for 300 children of operatives. Dr. Ira M. Hardy gave Christmas boxes to 35 convicts at the country camps. The city authorities with seasonable spirit set aside the ordiance against fireworks for 30 hours to give young Kinston a chance to give vent to its pent-up enthusiasm.

ROBBER READY TO DIE.

Confessed Robber and Murderer Has No Friends.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—"I have no friends. I will plead guilty. I am ready to hang."

John Bostick, confessed train robber and slayer of Horace E. Montague, a Southern Pacific passenger agent, made this statement shortly after he arrived from San Francisco today in custody of Sheriff W. A. Hammel.

Bostick held up the Sunset Limited, near El Monte, December 1, and killed Montague, who was a passenger.

Sheriff Hammel said that on the way from San Francisco, where the prisoner was captured Tuesday, Bostick had made a complete confession not only of the El Monte murder and robbery, but of another hold-up near Richmond, California.

FLIES OVER ALPS

Fog So Dense Aviator Could Not See Before Him.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps today, through for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog. The airman arrived here at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon after a journey from Buc, from which place he started at 9 A. M.

Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet almost constantly to avoid the fog. He passed over the Jura, the Chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland, without being able to see any landmarks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jung Frau about half an hour before he reached Berne.

HUNTER TREED BY BEAR.

S. A. Roth, of Hagerstown, Was the Hunted in Florida.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 25.—Treed by a big bear 1,000 miles from home, with only a gun loaded with birdshot, was the experience of S. A. Roth, of the Hagerstown Securities Company, while on a hunting trip in Florida. He and a Spaniard were in the forest shooting partridges when suddenly an enormous bear appeared. The Spaniard fired a load of birdshot at the bear, which made a break for Mr. Roth, who broke all record in a 100-yard dash for a pine tree, closely pursued by Bruin.

As he scrambled up the tree the animal snapped at his dangling feet. Mr. Roth mounted to the topmost branches and waited until the bear trotted away.

KIDDIES ENJOY CHRISTMAS.

Ignorant of The Fact Stepfather Was In Jail.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25. Ignorant of the fact that their stepfather was in jail accused of having murdered their father, the two small children of Daniel DeVilliers who was shot and killed here early this week in a struggle with Roy L. Grover, delightedly emptied their stockings this morning of gifts placed there by Santa Claus as impersonated by their sorrowing mother.

Glover late today was formerly arraigned on the charge of murder. His preliminary hearing was set for January 2nd.

EGGS MADE LEGAL TENDER.

Visit of "Coin" Harvey to Harrison, Ark., Causes Reform.

Harrison, Ark., Dec. 25.—Coincident with the visit here of W. H. "Coin" Harvey, eggs were made legal tender by at least one branch of industry. Rival moving picture houses placarded their fronts with: "Admission for minors, one egg; for adults, two eggs."

Col. Harvey, in a speech, referred to the egg admission plan as a confession of the lack of elasticity in the currency.

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LUMBER TRUST IS HARD HIT

Ouster Decree is Issued Against 20 Companies in Missouri—$436,000 Fines Alternative.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 25.—The Missouri Supreme Court has issued a decree of ouster against 20 wholesale lumber companies, but suspended the decree on condition they pay the fines imposed and hereafter conform to the anti-trust laws of the State. The fines aggregate $436,000.

In addition to the suspended ouster decrees issued the licenses of three other companies not incorporated in Missouri were revoked and fines were imposed. The revocations, however, were also suspended on condition that the fines be paid and the illegal practices complained of be discontinued.

Fixed Prices; Limited Output.

The decree of the court was issued in accordance with the recommendation of a special commissioner, who, after taking testimony, reported that the companies had entered into an illegal agreement to control the price of lumber and limit the production thereof.

The commissioner found that the companies had violated the law in the following ways:

By using what was known as an association price list.

By curtailing the output of lumber in 1904 and 1908 to increase the price of yellow pine lumber.

By entering into what was known as the joint trade relations agreement in 1904 between members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association and members of the various retail dealers' associations.

By blacklisting certain retailers who did not conform to "trade ethics" by dividing the territory and by refusing to sell to consumers in carload lots or to co-operative stores.

The names of the foreign companies whose licenses were revoked and the fines imposed are: Chicago Lumber & Coal Co., $50,000; Dierkes Lumber & Coal Co., $5,000, and Freeman Smith Lumber Co., $1,000.

The Detroit Timber & Lumber Co., was found not builty because it was not definitely shown that the concern was a member of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association.

Suits Filed by Hadley.

The suits against the lumber companies were filed in 1908 by Herbert H. Hadley, then attorney general, acting in concert with the attorneys general of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, who filed similar suits in their States.

The Supreme Court suspended the decree of ouster because it is of the opinion "that there are diverse degrees of guilt among these respondents and that up on the surface, at least, the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association has reformed of the evils which it long openly and flagrantly practiced."

Judge Construes the Law.

Judge Faris, who prepared the opinion, discussed the right of manufacturers to issue a price list. He said:

"We are not to be understood as declaring as a matter of law that dealers or manufacturers of any vend the commodity may not issue a price current. But such a list or compilation of prices ought either be compiled and promulgated by an indifferent or wholly disinterested person, or if compiled and promulgated by an interested person it ought to be honestly and fairly complied; it ought fairly to represent current pices as based upon actual offers to buy and actual offers to sell and not misrepresent such prices with a view to boosting any price of any item or items."

The suit was based on the theory that the wholesale lumber dealers named were members of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association, which included Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida.

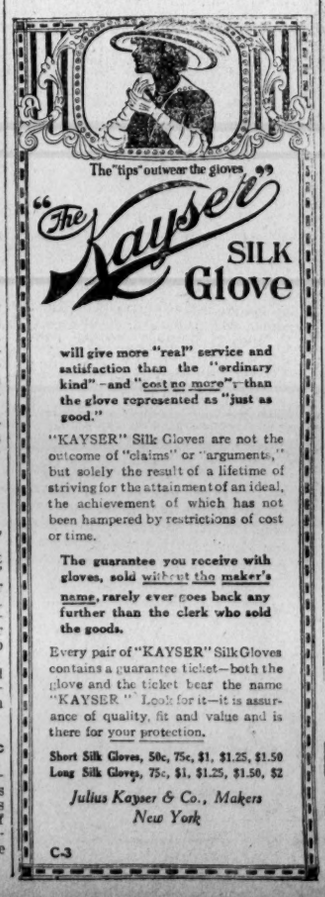
CONFERENCE OF LAYMEN

To Be Held in Kinston January 15th and 16th.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 25.—At a mass meeting of laymen of the various churches of this city it was unanimously decided to endorse a proposition to have a laymen's missionary conference here on January 15 and 16. The meeting will be conducted by a team of noted workers in the movement. Conferences are being held throughout the country and will be held until February.

Kinston is one of the few East Carolina towns to be honored, and the meeting here will be one of the last in this section. The scope to be covered is Lenoir county, and preparations will be made for a big gathering of lay workers from every corner of the county. The conference will probably be held in Queen Street Methodist church.



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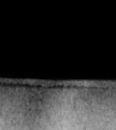

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WANTS INVESTIGATION BY THE GOVERNMENT

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ed his boy of five by falling on him and he, too, perished.

Moyer Offered Assistance.

President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, received a message from Governor Ferris this afternoon stating that he was at his command for rendering all possible assistance to those stricken by the disaster.

Local headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners today anxiously awaited a reply to telegrams sent last night by President Moyer to President Wilson.

President Moyer decried attempts which he said had been made locally to interpret his statements on the catastrophe as efforts to make capital for his organization out of the calamity. He stated emphatically that he had merely offered testimony of eye witnesses for what that testimony was worth and that the persons who told him that the miscreant who started the panic by calling "fire" wore insignia of the citizens' aliance, would be produced as witnesses at the coroner's inquest. Offers of assitance from Union labor sources came in rapid succession this morning. William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers, at Indianapolis, telegraphed $2,000 would be sent. A message from Butte, Mont., said Federation members there could be called upon for any amount up to $20,000. President Moyer said that he had with difficulty kept in bounds the parents and other relatives of victims of the panic. The report that an enemy of the union had started the panic spread among the strikers rapidly, and there were many threats of reprisals.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Two Brothers Killed by Two Brothers—Put in Jail.

Petros, Tenn., Dec. 25.—William and Robert Russell, brothers, were shot and instantly killed during a pistol battle here late last night. Beecher Holmes and his younger brother are under arrest in connection with the affair.

The Russel brothers were in a soft drink store when it is alleged, the Holmes brothers came in and began shooting. Officers say the double tragedy resulted from William and Robert Russell giving evidence against the Holmes brothers in connection with whiskey selling charges. Threats of a double lynching caused the officers to place the accused men in the branch State prison here.

MR. REED PROMOTED.

Becomes Forester for Indian Service —Married in Lenoir.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 25.—Franklin W. Reed, of Boston, who married Miss Pattie Sanderlin, of this county, daughter of the late Dr. Geo. W. Sanderlin who was for several years State auditer, has been promoted from chief of the operating division of the forestry service at Washington to forester for the Indian service, in another bureau of the same department. The position carries with it a salary of $3,600. Mr. Reed attended the forestry school at Biltmore, N. C. He is well known in this city and comes to North Carolin frequently to look after the farming interests of his wife near LaGrange.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.—Of 1,300 men who have applied to the city for employment on work specially provided to aid the destitute, only six are members of labor unions. The city officials question the applicants for relief in order that those who belong to fraternal and other organizations may be helped by such bodies.

WELL KNOWN LADY DEAD.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, wife of former Vice President Stevenson, died early tonight aged 70 years. She had been ill several months. Mrs. Stevenson is survived by her husband and three children, Lewis G. Stevenson, president of the Illinois State Board of Pardons; Mrs. Martin N. Hardin, of Chicago, and Miss Letitia Stevenson, at home.

Mrs. Stevenson was elected president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution four times.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bijou—Motion Pictures.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Remnants.
Grand Theatre—Motion Pictures.
A. David Co.—Happy New Year.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Room.
Found—Cuff Link.
Wanted—Roller Top Desk.

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WANTED—Several young ladies to pose for a special line of photographic art pictures. If possible, enclose small photo. addressing "Art," care Star. de26-1t

WANTED—A FEW experienced colored women for ironing laundry. Apply Friday A. M. Wilmington Steam Laundry. de25-2t

LAST CALL—Holly and mistletoe ice cream for Christmas. Pure, sweet cream; enough for all, 50c. quart. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co.; 'Phone 485. de24-tf

DRESSED GOOSE, dressed chickens and dressed turkeys. Very best of beef, veal and lamb. Fresh and corned pork hams. Very best celery and lettuce in city. Fancy grape fruit and Florida oranges. We'll appreciate your business. Palace Market, 108 So. Front street, 'phone 72. de24-tf

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SPECIAL TODAY—Grape Fruit, 5c. each; tangerines, 20c. a dozen; oranges, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50c. a dozen. E. F. Noe. 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FOX RIVER BUTTER, 3 lbs. for $1.00; Monogram flour, 35c. bag; lard, 12 and 17 cents. E. F. Noe; 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FOR SALE — One of the best grocery stands in Wilmington. Possession at once, or after January 1st. Reason for selling, other business. Kure Bros., 4th and Nun streets. de21-tf

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FOR XMAS PRESENTS see Uncle Charles. A full line of high grade jewelry, comprising diamonds, watches, bracelets, mesh bags, cuff links, etc. Our prices are right. 16 So. Front street; 'phone 642. de19-tf

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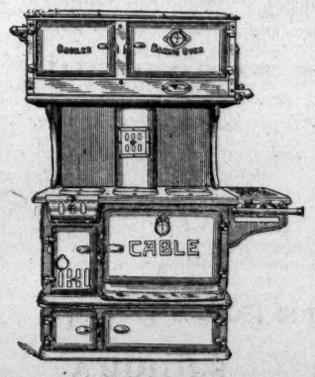

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